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## Daily Activity Planner for Friday, January 27

### Legislative Committees

No legislative committees scheduled.

### Agency Calendar

BWC Board of Directors, Rm. 3, Level 2, 30 W. Spring St., Columbus, 8 a.m.  
Educator Standards Board, 8405 Pulsar Pl., Columbus, 8:30 a.m. (Ohio Teacher Evaluation System Discussion)  
State Teachers Retirement System, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, 9 a.m.  
Medical Marijuana Advisory Committee, Rm. South B&C, 31st Fl., 77 S. Broad St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

### Event Planner

Press Briefing on Senate Democrats' Legislative Priorities, Minority Conference Rm., Senate Building, Columbus, 10 a.m.

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## Legislative Committee Schedules beginning 1/27/2017

### Tuesday, January 31

Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (Committee Record) (Chr. Duffey, M., 644-6030), Rm. 121, 1:30 p.m.

Senate Rules & Reference (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 2 p.m.

### Wednesday, February 1

House Finance (Chr. Smith, R., 466-1366), Rm. 313, 1 p.m.

- The panel will hold its first hearing, pending referral, of the Main state operating budget for FY 2017 and 2018. Members will also hear a presentation from the Legislative Service Commission

### Thursday, February 2

House Finance (Chr. Smith, R., 466-1366), Rm. 313, 8:30 a.m.

- The panel will hold a hearing, pending referral, on the FY 2018-2019 state operating budget. Testimony will be provided by Director Wray, Ohio Department of Transportation, Director Born, Ohio Department of Public Safety and Director Cole, Ohio Turnpike Commission

### Wednesday, February 8

House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

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## Volume #86, Report #17 -- Thursday, January 26, 2017

### Kasich Unveils Portions of Transportation Budget: Research Center To Get Funding; Initial Hearings Set

Gov. John Kasich on Thursday announced the infusion of \$45 million into the Transportation Research Center in East Liberty as part of a continued effort to put Ohio at the forefront of autonomous vehicle technology.

The funding, which includes \$12.5 million in state money, a \$7.5 million grant from JobsOhio and \$25 million from Ohio State University, will be part of the proposed transportation budget.

That budget is to be unveiled next week along with the overall state operation spending plan. The House set initial hearings on the main operating and transportation budgets for next Wednesday and Thursday. (See Committee Schedule) A media briefing on the packages is expected earlier in the week.

The administration said the transportation plan will also include the expansion of Smart Corridors to Interstate 270 in Columbus and Interstate 90 in Cleveland and development of the nation's first "Sense and Avoid" test site for drones.

"Ohio had that reputation of the Rust Belt because it was always talking about last year's football game. Now we're talking about the dreams of tomorrow," Gov. Kasich said during the announcement at OSU's Center for Automotive Research.

The 4,500-acre TRC facility is the continent's most advanced testing facility and will allow for the testing of autonomous vehicles and safety evaluations in a full range of driving conditions, the governor's office said.

The multimillion dollar infusion will allow for TRC to embark on its biggest expansion in its 40-year history, President and CEO Mark-Tami Hotta said.

Phase one of the TRC "Smart Center" will include the industry's largest high-speed intersection for mobility testing, an urban network with intersections, roundabouts, cul-de-sacs, traffic lights, a rural road network and neighborhood streets.

"TRC's Smart Center will be the most comprehensive facility of its kind in the world. It will be the only independent test facility of its kind that is a part of an existing, comprehensive one-stop shop vehicle test facility where all testing can be done efficiently in one location, right here in Ohio," Mr. Hotta said.

The expansion will further the state's Smart Corridors and the work the city of Columbus is doing with its \$40 million federal Smart City grant (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June

21, 2016), said Mr. Hotta, who called the increasing demand for autonomous vehicles the "most revolutionary change in the auto industry in our lifetimes."

"Today's commitment positions our state, The Ohio State University and TRC as leaders in this transformation. This will mean more jobs, more career development opportunities and economic growth for us all," he said.

Fundraising efforts are already underway for phases two and three of the expansion, which will add an indoor testing facility for the most adverse weather conditions and a highway network.

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) in a statement said the investment "solidifies Ohio as a global leader in autonomous vehicle research and development."

"Central Ohio is quickly becoming a model for the rest of the country on how to use smart transportation to help create economic growth and expand opportunity. Visitors spend roughly \$5.7 billion every year in Columbus, creating an economic impact of \$8.7 billion and supporting the jobs of more than 70,000 Ohioans," he said.

"This investment will help attract more visitors to Ohio and make commuting easier for local residents, all while providing a new source of jobs and economic development for the region. I look forward to working with the Transportation Research Center and the OSU Center for Automotive Research in the future to make sure it achieves its goals."

Gov. Kasich also said the proposed transportation budget will include funding to support the state's Unmanned Aircraft System Center and Test Complex in Springfield. He predicted that Ohio will become a leader in the flying of unmanned aircraft beyond the line of sight of their operators.

That technology, the governor said, will allow for bridges to be more easily inspected, farmers to study the distribution of chemicals on their lands, or for the tracking of an escaped prisoner.

"People say we're the Rust Belt. That's offensive to me. I think we're the Knowledge Belt, and when you take a look at what we're doing in this state, it's amazing," Gov. Kasich said.

Another portion of the transportation budget would allow Department of Transportation Director Jerry Wray to vary speed limits on roadways during certain times.

The first pilot program, Mr. Wray said, will be on Interstate 670 near downtown Columbus in an effort to ease rush hour traffic. He said a lower speed limit, while also opening up the left shoulder lane to traffic, could ease congestion during peak traffic times.

"All of this is a way for Ohio to prepare and align itself for the challenges and the opportunities of the 21st Century," he said.

## Court Ruling Again Puts Upcoming Executions On Hold

Ohio's first scheduled executions since January 2014 have again been put on hold.

A federal judge on Thursday found the state's new three-drug protocol for executing death row inmates is unconstitutional.

U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz's 119-page ruling granted a preliminary injunction that will delay the scheduled executions of Ronald Phillips, Raymond Tibbetts and Gary Otte.

Magistrate Judge Merz found that the state's use of midazolam, a sedative, as the first drug administered during the process risks subjecting an inmate to severe pain and therefore violates the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment.

"Midazolam does not have the same pharmacologic effect on persons being executed as the barbiturates thiopental sodium and pentobarbital. The Plaintiffs' experts explained at great length why this was likely to be so," he wrote. "The Court finds from both the expert opinions and the lay descriptions comparing executions with a barbiturate as the first drug and midazolam as the first drug that the drugs do not produce the same effects in those being executed."

"Without knowing precisely why, the Court finds that those administered midazolam (whether in a one injection combination with hydromorphone or in sequence with a paralytic and potassium chloride) take longer to die and exhibit different bodily behaviors in the process. In terms of their respective effects on the human body, deep sedation and general anesthesia are distinct."

The state announced its new execution protocol - which also includes rocuronium bromide and potassium chloride - in October. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 3, 2016)

The state's move to a three-drug protocol was necessitated by the botched execution of Dennis McGuire, who gasped for air at times over the course of a 25-minute process carried out for the first time in Ohio with a two-drug cocktail.

That concoction - a mixture of midazolam and hydromorphone, a narcotic painkiller - was used for the first time because in the fall of 2013 European pharmaceutical companies blocked the sale of pentobarbital, which was previously used in the lethal injection process.

Magistrate Judge Merz cited the execution of Mr. McGuire in his decision.

"First of all, there appears to be consensus and the court finds that administration of a paralytic drug and potassium chloride will cause a person severe pain. There is nothing

in the testimony to suggest this pain would be limited to persons with particular physical characteristics, such as those testified to in McGuire's case," he wrote.

Magistrate Judge Merz's decision also indicates that the court would likely find an execution method using pentobarbital in the place of midazolam to be constitutional.

"All the parties and witnesses in this case agree that use of a barbiturate, either as the first drug in a three-drug protocol or as the sole drug, would be preferable to the current Ohio protocol in that it would eliminate the side effects observed in midazolam-involved executions identified in the lay testimony and would also eliminate (or at least reduce to a constitutionally acceptable level) the risk of subjecting the inmate to severe pain," he wrote.

Attorney General Mike DeWine's office said it is reviewing the decision.

Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood) said the ruling underscores that it's time to abolish the death penalty in the state.

"When the proposed drugs for lethal injection are found to be unconstitutional because they may cause 'substantial risk of serious harm', it is immoral for the state to continue to fight to use them," the lawmaker said in a statement. "I believe it is long past time we abolish the death penalty in Ohio and replace it with a sentence of life without parole."

Megan McCracken of the Berkeley Law School Lethal Injection Project said in a statement that the court reached the right decision.

"This ruling brings Ohio in line with recent developments from other states that have recognized that midazolam is not an appropriate drug for use in executions," she said. "It cannot induce general anesthesia or maintain unresponsiveness when painful stimuli are introduced, as they are in a three-drug lethal injection procedure. The risks of extraordinary pain and suffering with this protocol are unconstitutional, and this ruling correctly recognizes the problems with midazolam."

Mr. Phillips, who was convicted of the 1993 murder of a 3-year-old girl, was scheduled to be executed Feb. 15. Mr. Otte was scheduled to be executed March 15 for the murder of two men during a 1992 robbery. Mr. Tibbetts, sentenced to death for the 1997 murder of his wife and an elderly man she cared for, was slated to be executed April 12.

#### **Nominating Council Submits Five Finalists To Kasich For Two PUCO Seats**

A nominating council on Thursday named five finalists for a pair of upcoming vacancies on the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Gov. John Kasich now has 30 days to name two new members to the PUCO. Those nominations will be subject to Senate confirmation.

The finalists, which include three Republicans and two Democrats, are:

- Energy and telecommunications attorney Daniel R. Conway of Columbus (R).
- IGS Energy Vice President Lawrence K. Friedeman of Waterville (D).
- CPA and former PUCO staffer J. Edward Hess of Bexley (R).
- ARC Industries board member Raymond W. Lawton of Columbus (D).
- Department of Administrative Services Deputy Director Gregory L. Williams of Westerville (R).

Messrs. Conway, Friedeman, Hess and Lawton are to be considered for an unexpired term ending April 10, 2020. The three finalists not named to that seat along with Mr. Williams are to be considered for the second seat which has a five-year term beginning April 11.

The first four names were clear favorites among members of the council, with Mr. Williams coming in fifth in terms of votes. During a fifth round of voting to determine an additional name for the second seat, all but two members of the 12-member council voted for Mr. Williams.

Also receiving votes but not making the cut were telecommunications professional John G. Musci of Copley (4 votes), energy consultant James M. Teitt of Marysville (3), and PUCO specialist Joseph Buckley of Columbus (2).

"It's almost like last year," Council Chairman Michael Koren said, referring to the search to fill former commissioner Andre Porter's seat. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 16, 2016) "We had some really good applicants last year and this year it's the same thing. It's kind of hard to pick."

Overall, eight applicants were interviewed Thursday from a pool of 24 Ohioans who applied. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, January 19, 2017)

They are competing to succeed Commissioner Lynn Slaby, who informed the governor earlier this month that he will not seek reappointment when his term expires in April. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, January 9, 2017)

The other nominee will fill a seat formerly occupied by Howard Petricoff, who resigned in December rather than face potential rejection from the Senate. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 2, 2016)

The salaries for the seats, to be determined by the governor, range from \$73,715-\$180,876. State law dictates no more than three members of one political party may sit on the PUCO, but given the current makeup of the PUCO, Gov. Kasich is free to pick anyone he chooses from either party.

**Finalist Backgrounds:** Mr. Conway received 9 votes, the second most of the applicants. He's a longtime attorney and an adjunct professor at Ohio State University's law school where he teaches public utility regulatory law. (Application)

Mr. Conway has been a partner with Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur since 1989 and served the Ohio State Bar Association in several roles including as chairman of the Public Utilities Committee.

"During the past three-and-a-half decades I have represented telecommunications, electric, and gas companies, primarily public utilities, in a wide variety of complex proceedings at the PUCO and in state and federal courts," he wrote in his application. "I believe that I can make a contribution to the PUCO's mission to advance the public interest in Ohio through professional, well-reasoned, and fair decision making."

Mr. Friedman received 10 votes, the most of any applicants. Since 2010 he's been vice president at IGS, where he oversees market compliance functions and interacts with regulatory commissions and stakeholders. (Application)

Prior to that he was employed at Vectren and Columbia Energy Services Inc. following time spent in the manufacturing industry and stints as the assistant general counsel for a housing authority and an assistant district attorney.

"My experience in both regulated and non-regulated environments has afforded me an advantageous perspective and appreciation for the importance of the commission's activities in the pursuit of reliable and affordable energy supply for consumers," he wrote.

Mr. Hess earned seven votes and previously applied for the 2016 vacancy, although he wasn't chosen then as a finalist.

He began his career with the PUCO in 1975 as an auditor and except for a three year period worked with the commission until 2009. His various roles at the commission include serving as chief of the Accounting and Electricity Division of the Utilities Department. He was a technical specialist at McNees Wallace & Nurick from 2009-2015. (Application)

"I am applying for this position because I want to share my extensive technical and general utility experience with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to help it implement solutions that fairly balance the interests of customers, incumbent utilities and competitive suppliers," he wrote.

Mr. Lawton also received seven votes. He's served ARC as a board member since 1986 and was an energy consultant for Battelle Inc. and OSU's Nisonger Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities from 2004-2008. From 1998-2004, he was director of OSU's National Regulatory Research Institute. (Application)

In his application he opined that regulators should not pick winning technologies and voiced support for "open collaborative strategies," equal access to networks, competitive markets and a PUCO "active at regional and federal levels."

"An inclusive energy portfolio approach that draws upon the strengths inherent in each of Ohio's energy sectors will be effective," he wrote. "Ohio's energy generation mix must include affordable access for nuclear, gas, coal and renewables. My extensive experience and expertise will help Ohio ratepayers."

Mr. Williams received six votes during the initial round. Since two seats are open, council members decided to conduct a fifth round of voting to select an additional name, which ended with 10 of the 12 members selecting Mr. Williams.

He was a finalist to replace Mr. Porter in 2016. He's been deputy director and state Equal Opportunity coordinator for DAS since January 2015, spent two years as an associate attorney at Whitt Sturtevant LLP and prior to that was legal aide to Mr. Porter during his time at the PUCO. He also spent time as an extradition coordinator and senior law clerk in Gov. Kasich's office. (Application)

"My experience will provide a diverse but informed perspective on the issues the commission considers," he wrote. "I have experience within the PUCO, working closely with commissioners as they deliberated issues before it."

### **OSFC's Goals Include Automation, Reducing Project Closeout Backlog**

The Ohio School Facilities Commission's leader on Thursday laid out goals for the year, listing the automation of operations and the filling of vacant project manager roles as priorities.

All goals for the year revolve around the commission continuing to "support our growing customer list" and run as efficiently and effectively as possible, OSFC Executive Director David Williamson said.

One way to achieve those goals is to automate as many of the commission's operations and activities as possible, freeing up staff time and making it easier to stay in communication with districts, he said. OSFC staff is currently investigating options in that regard.

Also among the 2017 focuses are implementation of the funding and policies in the next biennial budget and providing professional development opportunities to employees, he said.

Since its inception in 1997, the commission has served 380 districts, with 279 remaining eligible for funding, Mr. Williamson said. There are currently 39 projects in planning stages, 49 in design and 70 in construction.

Closing out projects is an area where the commission can improve this year and into the future, he said. There is currently a backlog of about 100 projects waiting to complete the long finalization process.

Pointing to districts that are eligible but haven't reached the top of the list for construction funding yet, Superintendent of Public Instruction Páolo DeMaria asked the commission to meet with him to provide details on those schools and what their needs might be.

While some districts likely haven't reached out for dollars in the last 21 years because their local share percentage is high, he voiced concern for districts that would receive a large portion of funding from the state but haven't taken advantage of OSFC programs.

For various reasons, 92 school districts have become eligible for funding but chose to defer their program participation, Mr. Williamson said. Forty districts were approved but their projects have lapsed and eight districts haven't begun work on projects because they're still waiting for local share actions, such as levy approvals.

Although not all districts are receiving support from OSFC, staff has likely communicated with all of them, he said.

"Our team has done a very good job of reaching out and touching base with the districts so they're aware of what we do," he said.

However, one district in particular argued at Thursday's commission meeting that OSFC communication hasn't been up to snuff as of late.

New Riegel School Board President Scott Hohman spoke before the commission to take issue with its handling of structural issues with the district's relatively new school building.

Representatives from his district and others shared a similar message at the commission's last meeting in October. At that time, they urged OSFC to provide financial and legal support for issues the districts have faced with their projects. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 27, 2016)

Mr. Hohman said he felt the testimony bears repeating because meetings between the commission and the district have been canceled and OSFC staff has been ordered not to speak about the issue because of pending litigation.

"As a result, a monologue in this public setting is the only venue we have for communication," he said.

The district has opened the bid process for the structural fixes that will likely cost about \$6 million - significantly more than the \$1 million the district invested in the project in 1999, Mr. Hohman said.

Commission members on Thursday also approved a settlement agreement for contractor errors made to a Dayton school's project as well as funding for districts that have acquired their public shares and made changes to their construction plans.

They also voted to maintain the leadership structure of the commission, with Office of Budget and Management Director Tim Keen serving as chairman and Department of Administrative Services Director Robert Blair serving as vice chairman.

### **Group Gives Ohio Low Marks In Tobacco Control Report**

Ohio didn't get high marks from the American Lung Association for its tobacco control policies in 2016, although most states and the federal government also received poor grades.

The association looked at policies that include spending on prevention and cessation programs, smoke-free air laws, tobacco taxes, access to cessation services and the tobacco purchase age.

Ohio got an A in smoke-free air, according to the "State of Tobacco Control" report, but scored an F in every other category.

In each of the four categories where Ohio scored F's, it was joined by a majority of other states in earning the lowest grade.

"Tobacco use is the leading cause of death and disease in our nation, and 21.6 percent of Ohio residents currently smoke," Ken Fletcher, director of advocacy of the American Lung Association in Ohio, said in a statement. "We know what works when it comes to preventing and reducing tobacco use, what we need is Ohio policymakers to implement the policies and programs called for in 'State of Tobacco Control' that would save lives and protect kids from a lifetime of addiction."

The association called for the state to match the tax on non-cigarette forms of tobacco, increase funding for prevention and cessation programs, and pass laws raising the minimum age for sale of the products to 21.

The report estimated Ohio had more than 20,000 deaths attributable to smoking in 2016, and that smoking had an economic cost of \$5.6 billion.

The Department of Health pointed to programs aimed at helping smokers quit as signs the state is working to lower the smoking rate in the state.

"Ohio has seen a decline in its smoking rate since 2011," ODH spokesman Russ Kennedy said in an email. "The Ohio Department of Health works closely with the statewide Tobacco Free Ohio Alliance and has a robust Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program that provides and promotes tobacco control activities aimed at decreasing the initiation of use of tobacco, increasing the number of people who quit tobacco use, and protecting Ohioans from exposure to secondhand smoke."

While Gov. John Kasich's next biennial budget has yet to be revealed, ODH included tobacco prevention and cessation programs as one of its "pillars of public health" in its preliminary budget request letter. The department noted a number of programs it has used to fight tobacco use, including grants to local health departments to work on youth engagement and working with schools to adopt smoke-free policies. (See Gongwer Ohio Report; December 12, 2016)

Polls have found support for smoke-free policies, with survey late last year saying that a majority of Ohioans favor more outdoor smoke-free areas. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, November 1, 2016)

However, wholesalers and other industry groups have had success in arguing against proposed tax hikes in the state. The GOP majority in past budgets, for instance, have balked at the governor's plans regarding tax increases on e-cigarettes and other forms of tobacco products.

The federal government scored an F for the FDA's regulation of tobacco products, an F for the level of federal tobacco taxes, a C for federal coverage of cessation treatments and a B for its mass media campaigns.

"It's not a secret how to reduce tobacco use in this country. 'State of Tobacco Control' looks at proven methods to save lives and prevent our children from becoming the next generation hooked on tobacco," Mr. Fletcher said. "We must demand that Ohio elected officials urgently act to implement these proven policies that will save lives and prevent tobacco-caused death and disease."

### **Politics Notebook: Husted Responds To Trump's Call For 'Major' Voter Fraud Probe; Union Reacts To Labor Report...**

Secretary of State Jon Husted is apparently OK with a review of the state's election system even though he has questioned President Donald Trump's approach to the issue.

The state official's appearance on CNN Wednesday triggered headlines from Ohio media outlets stating that he didn't think an investigation into voter fraud was necessary.

In an interview with the network's Carol Costello, Mr. Husted indicated a federal probe wasn't warranted and said he wished Mr. Trump "would take a more constructive point of view with this discussion."

His statements followed this Twitter comment on the subject: "We conducted a review 4 years ago in Ohio & already have a statewide review of 2016 election underway. Easy to vote, hard to cheat."

Mr. Trump had previously sent out a tweet himself on the issue after it became public that he continues to claim that as many as five million people voted illegally in the presidential election, costing him the popular vote.

"I will be asking for a major investigation into VOTER FRAUD, including those registered to vote in two states, those who are illegal and.... even, those registered to vote who are dead (and many for a long time). Depending on results, we will strengthen up voting procedures!" Mr. Trump stated in his Tweet.

Mr. Husted said in an email statement sent after his CNN appearance, "The fact remains that voter fraud exists, it is rare and in Ohio, we hold people accountable."

"I welcome a review of our election integrity as it is already something we do in Ohio. Over the past six years, we've referred about 150 cases to law enforcement for illegally cast ballots and identified over 400 non-citizens on the voter rolls. We are presently conducting our third post-election review of voter fraud and suppression and look forward to making those results public," he added.

"One step I hope the federal government will take is to give state election officials access to the SAVE database so we can make certain that the only people on the voter rolls are eligible, U.S. citizens. I asked the Obama Administration for this, but received no response. We invite an investigation into Ohio elections so we can show how we have successfully built a system where it is easy to vote and hard to cheat."

Asked if the secretary was backing off his earlier comments to the national network, spokesman Joshua Eck said that wasn't the case.

"No change - he is happy to do a review, mostly since we already are," he said. "However, as he said on CNN, he doesn't believe there should be any sort of federal intervention into our election system. He also believes we have a good system in Ohio with our post-election reviews, our participation in interstate crosscheck systems, etc., and would be happy to see those things adopted around the country in order to improve confidence nationwide."

**Union Membership:** Ohio AFL-CIO President Tim Burga responded Thursday to the latest Bureau of Labor Statistics report on union membership, saying Ohio is bucking the national trend.

While the national number of union members as a percentage of the workforce dropped 0.4% last year, he said Ohio saw a slight increase of 0.1%.

"The national drop in union membership is the direct result of continued attacks on working people across the country," Mr. Burga said in a statement.

"The relative stability of our Ohio membership is attributable to the fact that we have been successful in fending off the worst of these attacks - attacks that political extremists continue to push. There is simply no substitute for working people bargaining collectively for a fair share of the wealth we help create. Collective bargaining leads to higher wages, better benefits; safer workplaces and a more robust economy. We will continue to defend these basic rights at every turn."

**Sessions Opposed:** A group of Ohio clergy on Thursday announced opposition to Mr. Trump's nomination of U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) as attorney general.

More than 100 clergy members submitted an "Ohio Declaration of Moral Resistance" to U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) asking the lawmaker to reject the controversial nominee, who is nonetheless expected to be cleared by the GOP-led Senate.

The group urged Sen. Portman to "only support cabinet appointees who understand that forging a more tolerant and inclusive America is the best way forward."

"Senator Jeff Sessions, who awaits Senate confirmation for Attorney General of the United States - the nation's highest law enforcement office - must be rejected," the declaration states. "His positions, record and rhetoric reveal him to be a threat to the freedoms we hold dear, not a defender of them."

**TPP Move Applauded:** Count the Ohio Farmers Union as among supporters of President Trump's announcement that he won't seek congressional support for the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a trade agreement sought by former President Barack Obama but never presented to lawmakers for ratification.

"We appreciate that President Trump has prioritized the fulfillment of a major campaign promise by formally withdrawing from the Trans-Pacific Partnership," OFU President Joe Logan said in a statement.

"Although farmers, like other businesses have adapted to a global marketplace, we believe that the TPP was deeply flawed. We are confident that a better agreement is possible, but getting one completed will be a major challenge."

OFU External Relations Director Ron Sylvester added that the group looks forward to "working with the Trump Administration on fixing other trade deals such as NAFTA."

"We also hope the Trump Administration will work to restore Country of Origin Labeling in the U.S. for beef, pork and poultry," he said. "U.S. farmers and packers are proud to label their meats with 'U.S.A.', and U.S. consumers want to know where their food comes from."

#### **Sherwin-Williams Posts Yearly Sales Jump; Abercrombie Makes Corporate Cuts; AEP Operating Earnings Increase...**

Sherwin-Williams ended the fiscal year more than 4% ahead in consolidated net sales, topping out at \$11.86 billion, the company reports.

For the year ended Dec. 31, the company saw a \$516.3 million increase in net sales when compared to the previous year, it reported. Fourth quarter sales also jumped 6.8% compared to 2015.



## House Activity for Tuesday, January 24, 2017

### HOUSE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board: Speaker Rosenberger, Representative Celebreeze, and former Speaker of the House Jo Ann Davidson.

Controlling Board: Representatives Smith, R., Ryan, and Cera.

Transportation Improvement District, Board of Trustees of Meigs County: Rep. Edwards

Joint Education Oversight Committee of the House of Representatives and Senate: Representatives Patterson and Fedor.

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To help reduce those unknowns, WCRI's 33rd Annual Issues & Research Conference (March 2-3, 2017, in Boston, MA) brings together research and experts with diverse perspectives from all across the country to help you get a solid view of what is happening and what is likely to happen next. Below are a few of the timely sessions on this year's agenda.



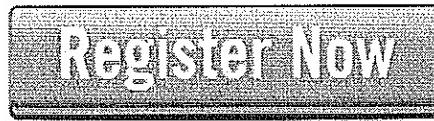
- **IMPACT OF THE 2016 ELECTION:** For a national perspective, WCRI has invited two former federal lawmakers, U.S. Sen. Coburn and U.S. Rep. Waxman, to help us understand the impact the 2016 election will have on health care, labor, and workers' compensation. Both lawmakers have served during numerous presidents and experienced many changes of

power in Congress. In short, they have seen it all and will help you see the way forward.

- **REVISITING THE GRAND BARGAIN:** WCRI has put together a distinguished panel to discuss the current state of the workers' compensation system or "Grand Bargain," specifically whether it is working or needs revisiting and what the future holds for the 100-year-old system. The distinguished panel includes David Michaels, former Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA); Bruce Wood of the American Insurance Association (AIA); Northeastern University's Prof. Emily Spieler; and Dr. David Deitz, former medical director for one of the largest workers' compensation insurers.
- **OPIOID TRENDS & ALTERNATIVES:** In addition to the latest data on trends in opioid prescribing to injured workers as well as what states are doing to address unnecessary opioid prescribing, you will learn about the latest research on alternatives (marijuana and mindfulness) to opioids in treating pain. You will also hear first-hand accounts from current state government officials on how medical marijuana is being incorporated into the treatment of injured workers in their states as well as what it's like to be managing a program that is very new and federally illegal.

[Click here](#) to view the full agenda with session descriptions and speakers.

Don't miss this opportunity to elevate your career, expand your knowledge, and network with your peers. **As an added incentive, we are offering \$50-100 off the price of registration if you register by Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017.** Also available for limited time is a special rate of \$246 per night at the conference hotel. Register today to get this great discount and the peace of mind of knowing your seat is reserved.



For questions, contact Stephanie Deeley at [sdeeley@wcrinet.org](mailto:sdeeley@wcrinet.org) or 617-661-9274 x 261.

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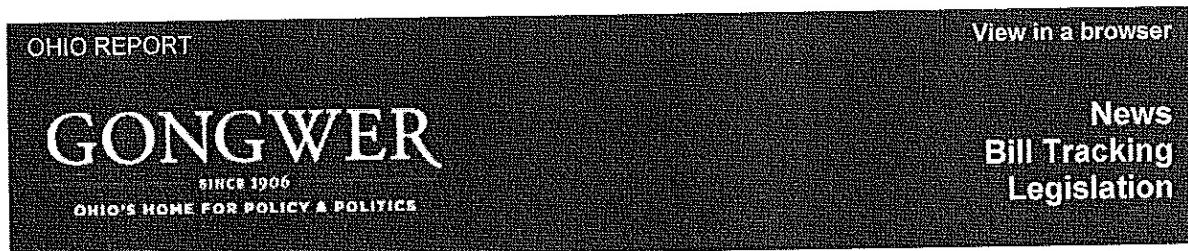
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## OHIO REPORT THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

**Kasich Unveils Portions of Transportation Budget; Research Center To Get Funding; Initial Hearings Set**

**Court Ruling Again Puts Upcoming Executions On Hold**

**Nominating Council Submits Five Finalists To Kasich For Two PUCO Seats**

**OSFC's Goals Include Automation, Reducing Project Closeout Backlog**

**Group Gives Ohio Low Marks In Tobacco Control Report**

**Politics Notebook: Husted Responds To Trump's Call For 'Major' Voter Fraud Probe; Union Reacts To Labor Report...**

**Sherwin-Williams Posts Yearly Sales Jump; Abercrombie Makes Corporate Cuts; AEP Operating Earnings Increase...**

**Governor's Appointments**

The company is attributing the sales increase to improved sales in their paint stores as well as a change in revenue classification that began in the third quarter. Before that time, third-party service revenue and related costs were netted.

Absent an unfavorable currency translation rate that's affecting many companies, consolidated net sales would have been 1.4% higher in the year and 0.9% in the fourth quarter, Sherwin-Williams said.

"It is gratifying to report another year of record performances in sales, net income, earnings per share, and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization," President, Chairman and CEO John G. Morikis said of the results.

**Abercrombie & Fitch:** The Central-Ohio based retailer told workers this week that it has eliminated 150 corporate positions.

*The Columbus Dispatch* reported the development, which comes on the heels of other major retailer plans to shutter stores or cease operations. The Limited, which was once under the same parent company as A&F, recently filed for bankruptcy.

The company that had gained a reputation for controversial clothing and advertising has struggled to post profits in seeking to rebrand following the ousting of former CEO Mike Jeffries in December 2014.

Also under the Abercrombie & Fitch umbrella are Hollister and Abercrombie Kids.

**AEP:** Year-end 2016 operating earnings for the utility were \$1.937 billion, or \$3.94 per share, compared with \$1.808 billion, or \$3.69 per share last year, American Electric Power reported.

In the same time frame, GAAP earnings came in at \$611 million, or \$1.24 per share, compared with more than \$2 billion, or \$4.17 per share in 2015.

A federal tax audit settlement and commodity hedging led to disparities in year-end GAAP and operating earnings, the company reported.

"In 2016, we were able to successfully grow operating earnings and offset the challenges to our competitive business from deregulation in Ohio," Chairman, President and CEO Nicholas K. Akins said in a statement.

Fourth-quarter operating earnings were \$330 million or \$0.67 per share, compared with operating earnings of \$233 million or \$0.48 per share during the same period of 2015, the company also reported.

**Lancaster Colony:** The Columbus company reported a second-quarter net sales increase of 0.06% to \$326.8 million compared to the same period last year.

Operating income, meanwhile, increased \$7.2 million to \$59.4 million and net income was \$39 million, or \$1.42 per diluted share, compared to \$34.5 million or \$1.25 per diluted share in 2016, according to a company release.

**First Financial:** Full-year earnings per share increased 18% compared to 2015, the Cincinnati bank announced. Earnings for 2016 were \$1.43 per share.

For the fourth quarter, the company reported net income of \$23.3 million, or \$0.38 per diluted common share, which is also a slight increase over the same period last year when net income \$22.9 million, or \$0.37 per diluted common share.

First Financial's Board of Directors also announced a 6.3% increase in the quarterly dividend to \$0.17 per share, payable on April 3, 2017 to shareholders of record as of March 2, 2017.

**KeyCorp:** The Cleveland-based company posted fourth-quarter net income from continuing operations of \$213 million, or \$0.20 per common share, a decrease from the same period last year when it reported \$224 million and \$0.27 per common share.

The company pointed to a decline in earnings per share in the fourth quarter to merger-related charges, without which the company would have seen earnings per common share of \$0.31.

**United Bancorp:** The financial institution reported an 11% increase in diluted earnings per share, for the year ended Dec. 31. Earnings per share were \$0.71 for the year compared to \$0.64 in 2015.

Fourth-quarter diluted earnings per share were \$0.18, representing an increase of 6% over the previous year's fourth quarter.

### **Governor's Appointments**

**Financial Planning and Supervision Commission of the City of Norwood:** Bradley A. Schwartz of Norwood for a term beginning Jan. 26 and continuing at the pleasure of the Governor.

**Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission:** Dr. Emily J. Passias of Dublin for a term beginning Jan. 26 and ending Sept. 20, 2017.

### **Supplemental Agency Calendar**

**Thursday, January 26**

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Elections Commission, 77 S. High St., Rm. East B, 31st floor, Columbus, 10 a.m.

**Thursday, February 9**

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State Chiropractic Board, 77 South High Street, 19th Floor, Room 1936, Columbus, 9 a.m.

## **Supplemental Event Planner**

**Friday, January 27**

**Press Briefing on Senate Democrats' Legislative Priorities, Minority Conference Rm., Senate Building, Columbus, 10 a.m.**  
**Thursday, February 2**

**Fordham Ohio panel discussion: Facilities challenges facing Ohio charter schools, Chase Tower - Conference Room B, 100 East Broad Street, Sixth Floor, Columbus, 8:30 a.m.**

**Subscribers Please Note:** Information provided to Gongwer News Service by a third party on Wednesday contained outdated information about the merger of lobbying firms. Government Advantage Group, Capital Action Group and Singleton & Associates have been aligned and working together since the beginning of 2016. The release was intended to announce the creation of a new logo and website for the firm, culminating the merger process.

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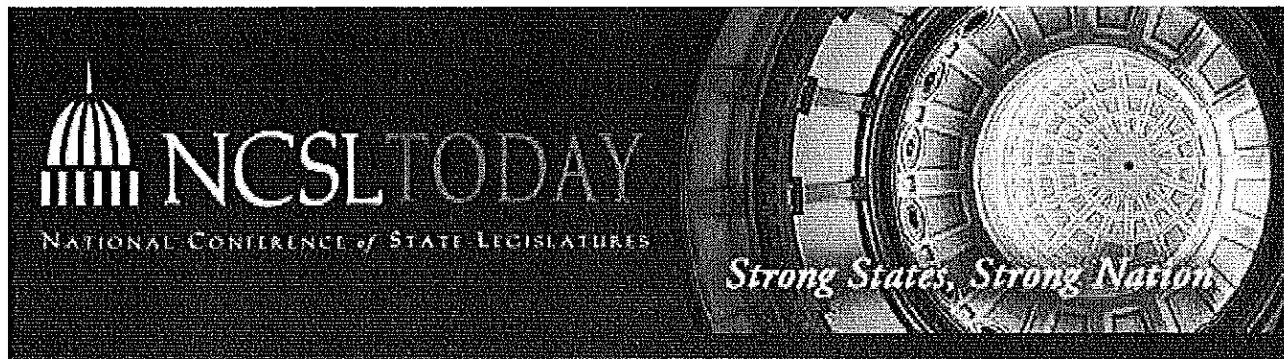
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## TOP NEWS Jan. 27, 2016

### As more voters legalize marijuana, states left with regulatory hurdles

*Stateline*

Lawmakers and regulators are often left to iron out complicated rules after voters back legal marijuana through ballot initiatives.

NCSL's marijuana overview.

### Union membership hits new low

*The Hill*

Fewer American workers belong to labor unions than at any time since the government began tracking membership, according to a new report released Thursday.

### Republicans in Virginia, Minnesota propose changes to state electoral college rules



### A New Podcast from NCSL

'Our American States': a new NCSL podcast

Download and listen to the first two episodes of NCSL's new podcast.

*The Washington Post*

Republicans in two swing states lost by President Trump in 2016 have introduced legislation that would have benefited Trump in the 2016 election, by splitting up their electoral votes by congressional districts instead of awarding them statewide.

## **Utah House votes to close payday lending loophole**

*Salt Lake Tribune*

The Utah House voted unanimously Wednesday to close a loophole that critics say payday lenders use to trap borrowers into a hard-to-escape debt spiral.

## **Iowa considers broadening opt-outs for child vaccinations**

*Associated Press*

Health care professionals urged Iowa legislators on Thursday to oppose a bill that would make it easier for parents to avoid vaccination requirements for their children, saying that expanding the reasons for opting out could lead to more illnesses in schools. **NCSL research cited.**

NCSL resources on states with non-medical exemptions from school vaccination requirements.

## **'Sanctuary cities' just the start of mayors' opposition to Trump**

*Governing*

The president's war on progressive policies presents a dilemma for almost every big-city mayor in America. But



## **Sanctuary policy for immigrants FAQ**

### **Juvenile justice quarterly newsletter**

### **Professional and occupational licenses for immigrants**

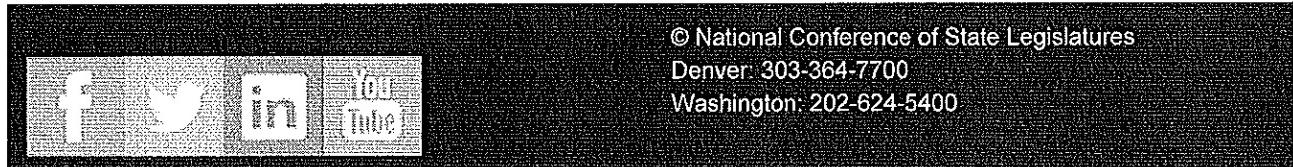


## **It's school choice week and all eyes are on congress**

This week, expect to see state legislatures around the country pass ceremonial resolutions in support of school choice. This is also the week when many legislators like to officially introduce major school choice legislation in their states.



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**Subject:** Co-sponsor Request: Online Checkbook



**To:** All House Members  
**From:** Representatives Dever and Greenspan  
**Date:** Friday, January 27, 2017  
**RE:** Co-sponsor Request: Online Checkbook

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In the near future, we plan to reintroduce legislation that will codify a state government expenditure database. This measure is identical to House Bill 46 of the 131st General Assembly, which **passed the House of Representatives in April of 2015 unanimously with 74 co-sponsors**.

Throughout the legislative process, this legislation had no opponents and attracted broad bipartisan support from organizations including the Buckeye Institute, Ohio Public Research Interest Group, and the Ohio Newspaper Association.

Using existing authority, in December 2014, Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel unveiled [www.ohiocheckbook.com](http://www.ohiocheckbook.com), an easily accessible, searchable database of state expenditures for our taxpayers to hold state government accountable for spending. The new website, arguably the best of its kind in the Nation, reflects the intent of this legislation, but it could readily be taken down by a future treasurer of state. Through this legislation, future treasurers, regardless of political affiliation or commitment to transparency, must maintain this important tool that already is providing more accountable government to our state's residents.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding its content, please contact Justin Huckle at 466-8120 or [Justin.Huckle@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Justin.Huckle@ohiohouse.gov) or Bill White at 466-0961 or [Bill.White@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Bill.White@ohiohouse.gov). The deadline for co-sponsoring this bill is Friday, February 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

**From:** Paretti, Dominic  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 4:21 PM  
**To:** House\_All  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Parental Leave

Representative Kristin Boggs has been added as a Joint Sponsor &

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Wednesday, February, 8 2017-2 pm

**From:** Paretti, Dominic  
**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2017 4:17 PM  
**To:** House\_All <House\_All@ohiohouse.gov>  
**Subject:** Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Parental Leave  
**Importance:** High



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Representative Janine Boyd  
**DATE:** January 9, 2017  
**RE:** Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Parental Leave

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I will soon reintroduce legislation to create the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program. Beginning in 2020, the program will provide 12 weeks of family and medical leave benefits, which will permit individuals to care for a family member, bond with a new child, or address their own serious health condition.

Out of 178 countries worldwide, the United States is one of three that does not provide paid leave to new mothers. Only two states, California and New Jersey, offer paid leave to men

and women who provide care. The federal Family Medical Leave Act provides 12 weeks of leave for family and medical reasons. This time is unpaid and employers with fewer than 50 employees are exempt, which eliminates a large segment of workers. Ohio should lead on the issue of paid leave to grow our economy and allow working people to put family first.

The program will be under the purview of the Department of Job and Family Services. An individual would receive leave insurance benefits for: a health condition which makes him/her unable to perform their job duties; caring for a new child during after birth, adoption, or foster care placement; caring for a child, parent, or spouse who has a serious health condition; or the individual is taking any other leave as authorized by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. In order to be eligible for program benefits, an individual must file a claim with ODJFS; must have worked at least 680 hours during the base period; premiums have been withheld and remitted for at least one year; and the leave must be for the above-mentioned purposes.

Once established, program benefits will be paid by assessing premiums on employees. Employers will be required to deduct and withhold premiums from employee's wages. However, an employer may opt to pay the contributions on behalf of employees.

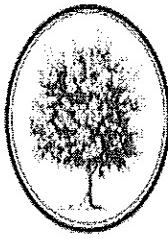
An employee who is covered by an employer policy or collective bargaining agreement that provides the employee with greater leave than that provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act may elect not to participate in the Program in accordance with rules adopted by the Director. An employee who elects to opt out of participating in the Program is not liable for any premium or contribution that would otherwise be due under the Program.

Working people in Ohio should not have to worry about losing their job or falling behind financially just to take care of a sick child or relative; address their own serious health condition; or care for and bond with their newborn child. Ohio cities like Dayton and Cincinnati are leading on leave. By allowing working people to put their family first, we can truly make Ohio a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

If you have any questions or would like to co-sponsor this bill, please feel free to contact Dominic Paretti in my office at 4-5079 or [Dominic.Paretti@OhioHouse.Gov](mailto:Dominic.Paretti@OhioHouse.Gov) by 3 pm Friday, January 27, 2017.

Dominic Paretti  
Legislative Aide to Representative Boyd  
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**From:** The Buckeye Institute  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 5:56 PM  
**To:** Rep76  
**Subject:** Buckeye releases new policy brief on prison reform



# THE BUCKEYE INSTITUTE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
January 27, 2017

## Reforming Ohio's Prisons and Saving Taxpayer Dollars

COLUMBUS, OHIO--On Friday, The Buckeye Institute released a new policy brief outlining an innovative policy solution to reform Ohio's outdated and overpopulated prison system.

Ohio currently spends \$1.7 billion dollars every year on incarceration, and its prisons are at 134% of their capacity. Unless something is done to reduce this bloated population, the state could end up spending an additional \$1 billion to build an entirely new prison.

Thankfully, as The Buckeye Institute's Daniel Dew explains, Ohio already paved the way to a solution with its reform of the juvenile incarceration system.

"While many policymakers look to Texas and other states to see what they have done to reduce their prison populations, the most successful program to safely reduce incarceration can be found right here in Ohio's juvenile system. By using a market-based approach to encourage local rehabilitation, Ohio's juvenile incarcerated population dropped 74% and Pew estimates that for every dollar Ohio invests in the program it saves \$45."

The Buckeye Institute's policy brief explains these reforms in more detail, and shows how Ohio policymakers could replicate them to solve the ills plaguing its adult prisons.

If implemented, such a system would not only dramatically cut down the prison population, but it would also promote public safety, reduce recidivism, and help combat the drug epidemic--all while saving taxpayers millions, if not billions, of dollars.

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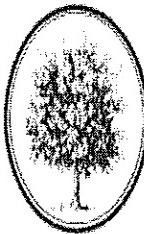
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## THE BUCKEYE INSTITUTE

Friends,

You are once again cordially invited to our Buckeye staff lunchtime seminar series for 2017. In case you missed our emails last fall with further details, see the bottom of this message about how these seminars work.

### TOMORROW! Tuesday, January 31:

Just in time for Ohio's new biennial budget release, Buckeye's renowned Economist Dr. Orphe Divounguy will give a talk called: "Incentives Matter: An Examination of Tax Policy and the Importance of Incentives." Whether you are an economist or policymaker or are not quite sure you understand economic concepts, Dr. Divounguy is here to help explain why and exactly how the tax code impacts individual and corporate behavior.

Divounguy earned his Ph.D. from England's University of Southampton, and served as a teaching and research fellow and international economic consultant before joining the Buckeye team and our Economic Research Center (ERC) last year.

### Tuesday, February 28:

Buckeye's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Rea S. Hederman, Jr. will discuss the future of healthcare in the states in a speech entitled: "What's next for Health Care in the Post-Obama Era?" Hederman is a national expert on healthcare policy. He also manages Buckeye's staff, operations, research, and policy output, and oversees the Economic Research Center (ERC). Hederman's commentary has been published in The Washington Post, The Washington Times, National Affairs, National Review Online, and FoxNews.com, among others.

**When:** Buckeye's lunchtime seminars begin promptly at noon and end by 1:30 at the latest (and often earlier).

**Where:** The Buckeye Institute's conference room on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the Key Bank building located on the corner of East Broad Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 88 East Broad Street in Columbus, directly across from Statehouse/Capitol building. If you need help finding parking downtown, [click here](#).

Background: The Buckeye Institute's policy experts and leadership team regularly share their expert insight and wisdom with Buckeye's staff and interns over lunch. Last fall, we decided to try something experimental. We began offering our supporters the opportunity to attend these formerly staff-and-interns-only lunchtime seminars. We just asked that you let us know you're coming, bring your own lunch, and show up on time so as not to interrupt the speaker.

The response to this experiment was overwhelmingly positive, and attendance grew each month. We are confident that you'll find these seminars both educational and enjoyable. If for some reason you don't, our 2016 money back guarantee still applies this year: simply file a complaint at [www.TakeItOrLeaveIt--It'sFree--Let'sWorkOnOurGratitude.com](http://www.TakeItOrLeaveIt--It'sFree--Let'sWorkOnOurGratitude.com).

We hope you'll join us tomorrow and at all of our monthly seminars in 2017!

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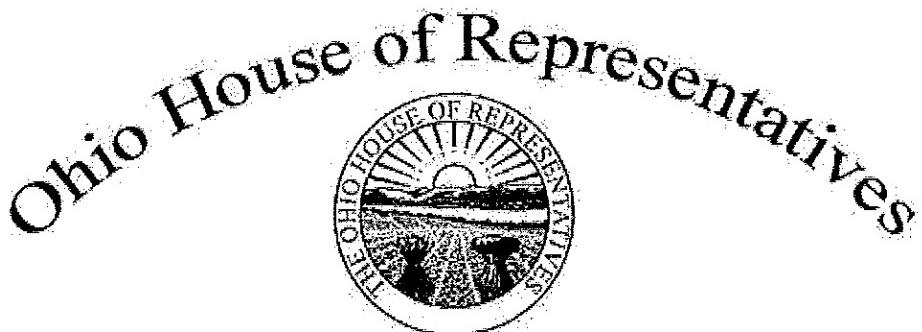
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**Subject:** REMINDER Co-Sponsor Request: Public Sector Right-to-Work

**\*\*REMINDER: Deadline to co-sponsor is TODAY at 5 PM.\*\***



Representative John Becker  
Ohio's 65<sup>th</sup> House District

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** GOP House Members  
**From:** Representative John Becker  
**Date:** January 30, 2017  
**RE:** Co-Sponsor Request: Public Sector Right-to-Work

I will soon be reintroducing a public sector right-to-work bill. This bill was previously introduced in the 131<sup>st</sup> General Assembly as HB 583.

There is a national trend of states moving to implement right-to-work laws. With Kentucky being the 27<sup>th</sup> state to continue that trend, it's time Ohio steps up to the plate. All of Ohio's neighboring states, with the exception of Pennsylvania, have right-to-work laws on the books.

This legislation:

- Provides public sector workers the choice to opt out of union representation and dues.

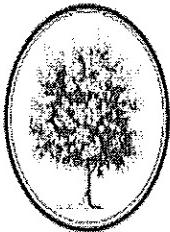
- Allows non-union employees to voluntarily make financial contributions to a union.
- Protects unions from the requirement of representing non-union employees.
- Appropriates \$30,000 in fiscal year 17 for pamphlets and brochures.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation or have any questions, please contact Roanna Thawley at (614) 466-8134 or [Roanna.Thawley@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Roanna.Thawley@ohiohouse.gov). The deadline to co-sponsor is COB, **Monday, January 30, 2017**. Thank you for your consideration.

*Roanna Thawley*

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**Subject:** Quotes from Buckeye experts on Kasich's Budget Proposal



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
January 30, 2017

The Buckeye Institute released the following quotes for immediate press use regarding aspects of Governor Kasich's budget.

## **Education:**

"Taken as a whole, Governor Kasich's school funding proposal is a welcome change from the past several budgets of high growth in spending that exceeded the rate of inflation. While it would be even better to flat fund K-12 education, it is the right time to work through the flaws of school funding including 'caps' and 'guarantees.' This budget proposal moves in that direction."

- Greg R. Lawson, Senior Policy Analyst at The Buckeye Institute

## **Spending:**

"While general revenue spending in Governor Kasich's budget proposal decreases in the next two fiscal years, overall spending actually increases by 4.4% in FY17 and 1.8% in FY19 largely due to increased Medicaid costs. To more adequately 'right-size' Ohio's government, general revenues should not be spent on programs that would be better funded through private philanthropy."

- Greg R. Lawson, Senior Policy Analyst at The Buckeye Institute

## **Taxes:**

"Governor Kasich should be commended for simplifying Ohio's income tax system by

reducing the number of brackets and continuing a shift toward consumption taxes and away from personal income taxes. However, we have grave concerns about tax proposals that single out specific industries to be assessed higher taxes. Government should not be in the business of penalizing or rewarding certain sectors, businesses, or industries."

- Rea S. Hederman Jr., Executive Vice President at The Buckeye Institute

#### **Municipal Income Taxes:**

"Ohio's municipal income tax is one of the most complex and administratively burdensome taxes in the entire nation. Proposals to simplify this entrapping byzantine maze--including moving toward a singular centralized collection process--are long overdue and represent very sound public policy. The Buckeye Institute heartily applauds Governor Kasich for advancing this much-needed and important reform for Ohio."

- Greg R. Lawson, Senior Policy Analyst at The Buckeye Institute

#### **Energy/Severance Tax:**

"A severance tax was the wrong policy in 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015, and it remains the wrong policy in 2017. Raising taxes on the struggling energy sector is throwing an anvil to a drowning man."

- Joe Nichols, Energy Policy Analyst at The Buckeye Institute's Economic Research Center

#### **DRC Budget:**

"The Buckeye Institute applauds Governor Kasich and Director Mohr for using evidence-based policy proposals for the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) budget. Overwhelming evidence shows that low-level criminal offenders who are rehabilitated locally are less likely to commit future crimes because they remain engaged in their communities, and--more importantly--are not picking up bad habits from more hardened and violent criminals in prison. The budget introduced today takes a step forward in keeping our neighborhoods safer, reducing government spending, and allocating resources to local communities to combat the epidemic of drug addiction."

- Daniel J. Dew, Criminal Justice Fellow at The Buckeye Institute

#### **Medicaid:**

"Medicaid continues to be the Pac-Man of the state budget. While several cost savings and personal responsibility proposals in Governor Kasich's budget proposal are sound policy, far more must be done. Ohio continues to pick up additional financial burdens that will crowd out other essential investments and priorities. Further, the plan to make up for the now disallowed Medicaid Managed Care sales tax is significantly flawed. Applying a tax to all health insurers, whether they do Medicaid business or not, sets a terrible precedent even if the immediate financial cost to the non-Medicaid businesses is limited presently."

- Greg R. Lawson, Senior Policy Analyst at The Buckeye Institute

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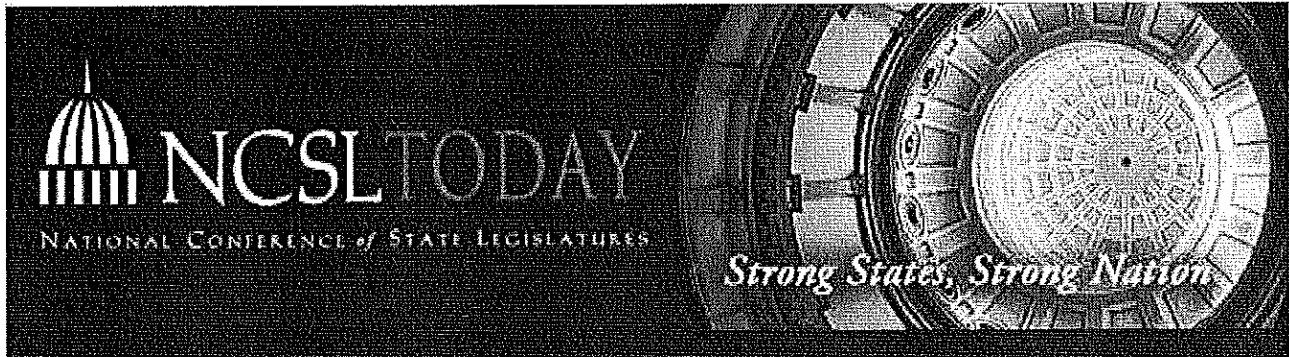
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## TOP NEWS Jan. 31, 2017

### States reconsider driver's license suspensions for drug offenders

*Stateline*

A dozen states still strip the driver's license of those convicted of drug crimes, even when their offense had nothing to do with driving. But some are reconsidering, saying the suspensions make it harder for people to work and be productive citizens.

### Labor unions appear set for more state-level defeats in 2017

*National Public Radio*

One consequence of Republican gains in the 2016 elections is playing out at the state level where organized labor appears likely to face big setbacks in the coming months. **NCSL research cited.**

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## **New York bets big on aging nuke plants, balancing jobs and safety**

*The New York Times*

When the Nine Mile Point reactor first went online, Richard Nixon was president, the Beatles were still a band and Three Mile Island, Chernobyl and Fukushima weren't yet bywords for the hazards of nuclear power. Almost 50 years later, New York state is betting big on the future of Nine Mile Point, one of the nation's two oldest nuclear plants. NCSL report on state options for nuclear energy.

## **North Dakota House fails to repeal Sunday shopping ban**

*Associated Press*

North Dakota residents can order alcohol at a restaurant or bar late Sunday morning but must wait until afternoon to go shopping because of the ban that's rooted in religious tradition. NCSL research cited.

## **Marijuana becomes legal in Maine**

*The Hill.com*

Maine joins six Western states and neighboring Massachusetts in allowing recreational pot, after voters narrowly passed a ballot measure in November. Adults will be allowed to possess up to two and a half ounces of marijuana and to grow up to 18 plants at home. NCSL marijuana overview.

## **Will more women run for office after Women's March?**

*The Denver Post*

America's state legislatures, the people in them, the politics that compel them, and the important work of democracy.



## **State options to keep nuclear in the energy mix**

## **State highway patrol funding**

## **Sanctuary policy FAQ**



## **Keeping legislators and citizens with disabilities in the loop**

Legislative sessions in four states began this year with new assistive technologies in place to help those with disabilities be fully involved in the legislative process..

For some women — particularly those who are upset about the election results — there's a clear answer to the question of what to do next, and what to do following the Women's March: Run for office.

NCSL's Women's Legislative Network.

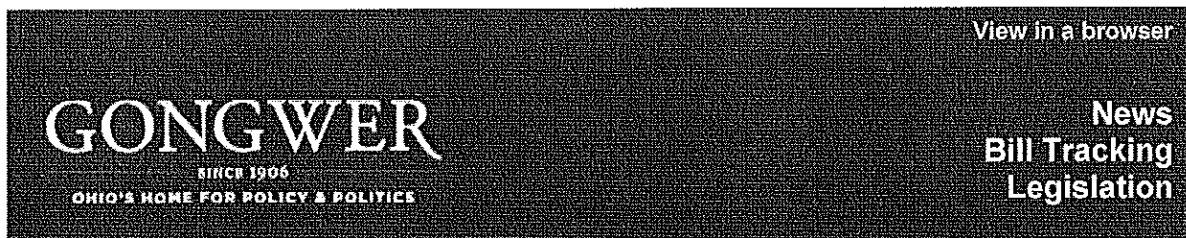


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## SENATE ACTIVITY REPORT

### INTRODUCED

**SB 1**

#### DRUG OFFENSES (LaRose, F.)

To increase penalties for drug trafficking violations, drug possession violations, and aggravated funding of drug trafficking when the drug involved in the offense is a fentanyl-related compound, to revise the manner of determining sentence for certain violations of the offense of permitting drug abuse, and to add lisdexamfetamine to the list of schedule II controlled substances.

**SB 2**

#### ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS (Hite, C.)

To revise specified laws relating to environmental protection.

**SB 3**

#### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Beagle, B., Balderson, T.)

To revise the laws governing the state's workforce

development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week.

**SB 4**

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Kunze, S., Oelslager, S.)**

To allow a person who is found not guilty of an offense or who is the defendant named in a dismissed criminal charge to apply for a court order to expunge the person's official records in the case if the charge or not guilty finding was the result of the applicant having been a human trafficking victim, to allow a person convicted of certain prostitution-related offenses to apply for the expungement of the conviction record of any offense, other than a specified disqualifying offense, the person's participation in which was a result of having been a human trafficking victim, and to allow intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution.

**SB 5**

**COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY (Hottinger, J., Eklund, J.)**

To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency.

**SB 6**

**BRIDGE PROGRAM (Hoagland, F.)**

To extend the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program through the end of fiscal year 2019 and to require

the Director of Transportation to submit a report to the Governor, Senate, and House of Representatives recommending ways to continue to fund the program.

**SB 7**

**PROTECTION ORDERS (Bacon, K., Manning, G.)**

To provide that service of a protection order or consent agreement upon a person is not necessary for the person to be convicted of the offense of violating a protection order if the person had actual notice of the order or agreement and the person recklessly violated its terms.

**SB 8**

**SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY & SAFETY (Gardner, R., Terhar, L.)**

To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security.

**SB 9**

**SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Bacon, K.)**

To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes.

**SB 10**

**PRIMARY ELECTIONS (LaRose, F.)**

To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election.

**SB 11**

**DAY DESIGNATION (Tavares, C.)**

To designate March 31 as "Cesar E. Chavez Day" in Ohio.

**SB 12****DEATH PENALTY (Tavares, C.)**

To provide that a defendant cannot be executed if the defendant's race was the basis of the decision to seek or impose the death penalty, to permit a defendant to file a motion alleging that the defendant's race was the basis of the decision to seek or impose the death penalty, and to specify the procedure for determining if the defendant's race was the basis of that decision.

**SB 13****LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDINGS (Tavares, C.)**

To grant a person the right to lawfully record any incident involving a law enforcement officer and to impose civil liability upon the state or a local law enforcement agency if a law enforcement officer employed by the state or local law enforcement agency interferes with the recording of the incident, destroys the recording, seizes the recording without a warrant or subpoena or the person's consent, or retaliates against the person who recorded the incident.

**SB 14****DOMESTIC WORKERS (Tavares, C.)**

To require that domestic workers be paid the higher of the minimum wage provided in Section 34a of Article II, Ohio Constitution, or the minimum wage provided in the Fair Labor Standards Act, to require that domestic workers be paid overtime wages, to make certain conduct directed toward a domestic worker an unlawful discriminatory practice, and to require a weekly day of rest for domestic workers.

**SB 15****SET-ASIDE PROGRAMS (Tavares, C.)**

To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches

to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises.

**SB 16****CULTURAL COMPETENCY (Tavares, C.)**

To require certain health care professionals to complete instruction in cultural competency.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING (Tavares, C.)**

To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month.

**SB 18****DAY DESIGNATION (Thomas, C.)**

To designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

**SB 19****PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS (Thomas, C.)**

To prohibit prosecuting attorneys of counties with a population of 400,001 or more from engaging in the private practice of law.

**SB 20****FELONY SENTENCES (Hackett, B.)**

To require an additional prison term of 3 to 8 years for an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony offense of violence if the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification that the victim suffered permanent disabling harm.

**SB 21****ELECTION PROCEDURES (Uecker, J.)**

To reduce the minimum number of precinct election officials in a precinct in which electronic pollbooks are used and to eliminate the requirement that a

board of elections send a notice to a person's residence address when the board cancels the person's voter registration because it received a report of the person's death.

**SB 22**

**TAX LAWS (Peterson, B.)**

To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since February 14, 2016, into Ohio law.

**SB 23**

**DAY DESIGNATION (Terhar, L.)**

To designate January 31 as "Omphalocele Awareness Day."

**SB 24**

**LOAN ACT (Terhar, L.)**

To create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act.

**SB 25**

**PERRY COUNTY COURT (Hottinger, J.)**

To create the Perry County Municipal Court in New Lexington on January 1, 2018, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Perry County County Court on that date, to designate the Perry County Clerk of Courts as the clerk of the Perry County Municipal Court, and to provide for the election for the Perry County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2017.

**SB 26**

**ROAD NAMING (Hottinger, J., Jordan, K.)**

To designate a portion of State Route 205 and United States Route 62 in Knox County as the "Officer Thomas W. Cottrell Jr. Memorial Highway."

**SB 27**

**MONTH DESIGNATION (Beagle, B.)**

To designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."

**ABORTION (Uecker, J.)**

Regarding final disposition of fetal remains from  
surgical abortions.

**SB 29**

**BANKING LAW (Coley, B., Oelslager, S.)**

For the purpose of enacting a new banking law for  
the State of Ohio.

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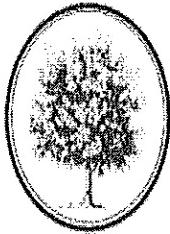
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
January 31, 2017

Commenting on the appointment of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the position of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, The Buckeye Institute's President Robert Alt said the following:

"Judge Neil Gorsuch's approach to the law is, well, judicious. Gorsuch has said that judges ought to declare what the law *is*, not what 'they' might wish it to be in light of their own political views.' The commonsense of Gorsuch's judicial philosophy is refreshing in the overly politicized climate of Washington these days."

"Judge Neil Gorsuch is the kind of intellectually serious and exceedingly well-qualified judge everyone on both sides of the aisle should be able to support. He deserves an up or down vote."

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

2/01/2017



### **WITH \$2.6M, OHIO CREATES NETWORK TO SUPPORT VIOLENCE VICTIMS**

Ohio's attorney general is providing \$2.6 million in grants to create a network of five trauma recovery centers to provide support services for hospitalized victims of violent crime.



### **LAWMAKERS WARM TO ONLY PART OF KASICH'S TAX PLAN**

Gov. John Kasich's ambitious tax plan got a mixed reaction Tuesday from Senate Republicans.

### **TOP GOP GOVERNOR CANDIDATES HAVE SAME AMOUNT OF CASH ON HAND**

Two Republicans who plan to run for governor - Attorney General Mike DeWine and Secretary of State Jon Husted - are neck-and-neck in raising campaign cash.

### **KASICH'S NEW BOOK DEALS WITH 'FAKE NEWS,' TONE OF NATIONAL CONVERSATION**

John Kasich's new book is aimed at those "frustrated at the tone of our national conversation."

### **KEITH FABER CONFIRMS RUN FOR STATE AUDITOR**

Confirming what he called "the worst-kept secret in Ohio politics," Keith Faber said this afternoon he is running for the Republican nomination for state auditor in 2018.

### **AUDITOR FINDS OVERPAYMENTS TO TEACHERS AT CLOSED NORTH SIDE CHARTER SCHOOL**

Two teachers at a now-closed Columbus charter school owe the state \$4,119 in overpayments, according to an audit released Tuesday by Ohio Auditor Dave Yost.

### **OHIO LAUNCHES TRAUMA RECOVERY NETWORK FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME**

Ohio will follow California as the second state to offer a network of support services to victims of violent crime, including sexual assault and human trafficking, in a partnership between hospitals and victim services agencies.

#### **REPORT SHOWS HUMAN TRAFFICKING ON RISE IN OHIO, NATIONALLY**

Human trafficking for sex and labor are on the rise in Ohio and the U.S., according to the annual report from the Polaris Project.

## **Dayton Daily News**

[www.daytondailynews.com](http://www.daytondailynews.com)

#### **DEWINE, HUSTED EACH HAVE \$2.5 MILLION ON HAND FOR 2018 RUN**

The race for campaign cash to fuel the 2018 statewide contests for governor, attorney general and other slots is well underway with Republican rivals socking away more than \$5 million in money.

#### **OHIO COLLEGE STUDENTS COULD GET FREE TEXTBOOKS STARTING NEXT YEAR**

Instead of paying hundreds of dollars, Ohio college students could soon get their books for free, sort of.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

#### **TOP OHIO GOP SENATOR QUESTIONS TAX CUT, INCREASES IN KASICH BUDGET**

Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof responded to Gov. John Kasich's proposed tax cut package by saying he supports lowering state income tax rates but isn't interested in "tax shifting" to get there.

#### **MIKE DEWINE AND JON HUSTED TIE FOR FUNDRAISING LEAD AS RACE FOR**

#### **OHIO GOVERNOR ENTERS EARLY PHASE**

We have some early hints about the fundraising strength of Ohio gubernatorial prospects and others considering bids for statewide office in 2018.

#### **SHERROD BROWN STALLS STEVE MNUCHIN, JOSH MANDEL SLAMS SANCTUARY CITIES: OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP**

The politics of President Donald Trump loom large over Ohio's 2018 Senate race. Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson aims for the history books.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

#### **AMAZON PLANS WORLDWIDE CARGO HUB, 2,700 JOBS AT CVG**

Online retail giant Amazon will call the region home for its worldwide cargo hub, kicking off plans Tuesday for the largest ever investment by a company at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.

## **JOHN KASICH'S UPCOMING BOOK POSITIONSM HIM AS DONALD TRUMP CRITIC**

John Kasich's upcoming book will position him as an ongoing critic of President Donald Trump, helping the Ohio governor leave his options open for a possible 2020 bid for president.

## **TUITION FREEZE, CHEAPER TEXTBOOKS IN KASICH'S BUDGET**

Gov. John Kasich wants to add \$60 million to the state's higher education budget to help make college more affordable.

## **JOSH MANDEL: 'OVER OUR DEAD BODY' WILL CINCINNATI BE A SANCTUARY**

### **CITY**

Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel and two local Republicans say they oppose City of Cincinnati's declaration that it's a sanctuary city because the designation makes the city less safe, causes problems for police and risks federal funding.

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## **STATE SENATE WARY OVER EXPANSION OF TAXES**

Gov. John Kasich's proposal to reduce the number of Ohio's income tax brackets and overall rates in them has some fans among Senate Republicans who'd already been looking at going to a flat tax.

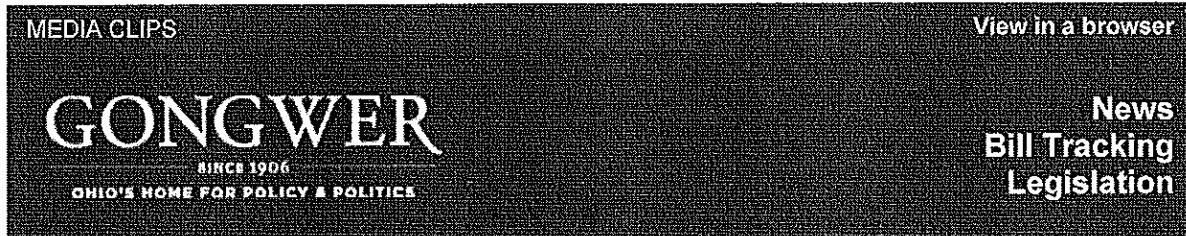
## **KASICH DRAWS ON RUN FOR PRESIDENT IN HIS NEW BOOK**

As his 2016 presidential campaign ended as the last Republican not named Trump standing, Ohio Gov. John Kasich suggested there was a book in the experience.

## **HUSTED'S WAR CHEST LEADS IN RACE FOR GOVERNOR**

Secretary of State Jon Husted and Attorney General Mike DeWine have campaign war chests of about \$2.5 million ahead of the contest for the Republican nomination for governor in 2018, in which both of them are seen as likely candidates.

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## NEWS

**Governor: Ohio must embrace future, change Rust Belt image (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/2/2017)**

**With \$2.6M, Ohio creates network to support violence victims (Associated Press, 2/2/2017)**

**Kasich: Losing Amazon isn't 'game over' (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/2/2017)**

**Sanctuary city 'over our dead body,' Mandel says (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/2/2017)**

**Sen. Brown blocks committee vote on Trump's Treasury nominee (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/2/2017)**

**'Right to work' won't be popular in Ohio, state lawmakers say (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/2/2017)**

**New Ohio GOP Chairwoman Jane Timken's message for Kasich allies: 'I will not keep score' (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/2/2017)**

**Ohio to appeal court ruling preserving Cleveland's Fannie Lewis Law (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/2/2017)**

**Sherrod Brown stalls Steve Mnuchin, Josh Mandel slams sanctuary cities: Ohio Politics Roundup (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/2/2017)**

**Callers jam Senate phone lines with concerns about Trump nominees (Columbus Dispatch, 2/2/2017)**

**Kasich administration makes final push to Medicaid managed care (Columbus Dispatch, 2/2/2017)**

**Kasich says state did all it could to land \$1.4 billion Amazon hub (Columbus Dispatch, 2/2/2017)**

**Kasich tax plan faces questions from House panel (Columbus Dispatch, 2/2/2017)**

**The Daily Briefing: David Pepper, Jane Timken differ on which party has more energy (Columbus Dispatch, 2/2/2017)**

**Call volume overwhelms Senate switchboard (Dayton Daily News, 2/2/2017)**

**Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley 'considering' run for governor (Dayton Daily News, 2/2/2017)**

**Kasich gives his take on the Wright Brothers, Trump and Ohio's image (Dayton Daily News, 2/2/2017)**

**Ohio Gov John Kasich reacts to loss of 300 Amazon jobs to Kentucky (Dayton Daily News, 2/2/2017)**

**Ohio House speaker rents luxury condo from top GOP donor (Dayton Daily News, 2/2/2017)**

**Budget chief: Kasich conservative on growth (Toledo Blade, 2/2/2017)**

**Portman, Brown react to Supreme Court pick (Toledo Blade, 2/2/2017)**

**Senator's war chest ahead of 2012 pace (Toledo Blade, 2/2/2017)**

## **EDITORIALS**

**Cities, refugees and the president's flawed executive order (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/2/2017)**

**Mandel: We are at war with radical Islam (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/2/2017)**

**Sen. Rob Portman must lead in legislative efforts to counter President Trump's dangerously expansive travel ban: editorial (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/2/2017)**

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

2/02/2017



### **JUDGE BLOCKS OHIO LAW THAT WOULD BAN SOME LOCAL HIRING RULES**

A judge has blocked an Ohio law that would have barred local hiring regulations for public projects, such as Cleveland's requirement that city residents get to work on certain projects.



### **CRITICS SLAM KASICH'S FLAT-FUNDING OF DRUG-ADDITION FIGHT**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich stood firm Wednesday against charges from lawmakers and others that the state is not doing enough to tackle the nation's leading number of drug-overdose deaths, principally from opioids.

### **KASICH TAX PLAN FACES QUESTIONS FROM HOUSE PANEL**

State Budget Director Tim Keen spent about four hours in front of the House Finance Committee Wednesday testifying and answering a variety of questions about Gov. John Kasich's new two-year budget.

### **KASICH SAYS STATE DID ALL IT COULD TO LAND \$1.4 BILLION AMAZON HUB**

Ohio may have landed three Amazon data centers and two distribution centers in the Columbus area, but Gov. John Kasich today lamented one that got away.

### **KASICH ADMINISTRATION MAKES FINAL PUSH TO MEDICAID MANAGED CARE**

Gov. John Kasich plans to move the last group of Medicaid beneficiaries into private managed care plans, more than 150,000 mostly elderly and disabled Ohioans receiving long-term care services at home or in nursing facilities.

### **THE DAILY BRIEFING: DAVID PEPPER, JANE TIMKEN DIFFER ON WHICH PARTY HAS MORE ENERGY**

The first joint appearance of Ohio's current major political party leaders was highlighted by an energy debate.

### **EDITORIAL: A CHECKUP FOR FISCAL HEALTH**

No one can see the future, but there are ways to get an inkling of where things are headed.

## **Dayton Daily News**

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### **DAYTON MAYOR NAN WHALEY 'CONSIDERING' RUN FOR GOVERNOR**

Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley says she is considering a run for governor in 2018.

### **KASICH GIVES HIS TAKE ON THE WRIGHT BROTHERS, TRUMP AND OHIO'S IMAGE**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich seemed to be in a feisty mood Wednesday when he fielded questions from the press at a forum sponsored by the Associated Press in Columbus.

### **OHIO GOV JOHN KASICH REACTS TO LOSS OF 300 AMAZON JOBS TO KENTUCKY**

Gov. John Kasich said Amazon picked northern Kentucky over Wilmington in large part because the airport in Covington has plenty of capacity and the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky metro area has the workforce.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **OHIO GOV. JOHN KASICH PROPOSES ADDING BUSINESS EXPERTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS**

A proposal from Ohio Gov. John Kasich would add three non-voting members to every local school board to keep them apprised of the needs of the business community.

### **NEW OHIO GOP CHAIRWOMAN JANE TIMKEN'S MESSAGE FOR KASICH ALLIES: 'I WILL NOT KEEP SCORE'**

New Ohio Republican Party Chairwoman Jane Timken pledged Wednesday not to retaliate against those who did not back her campaign.

### **OHIO TO APPEAL COURT RULING PRESERVING CLEVELAND'S FANNIE LEWIS LAW**

The state will appeal a Cuyahoga County court decision that upheld Cleveland's Fannie Lewis Law guaranteeing that local residents get a percentage of work on public projects.

### **'RIGHT TO WORK' WON'T BE POPULAR IN OHIO, STATE LAWMAKERS SAY**

As congressional Republicans consider a national "right to work" law, Ohio state legislators said Ohioans don't necessarily want anti-union legislation.

### **OHIO'S 2018 U.S. SENATE RACE ON TRACK TO BE EXPENSIVE: OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP**

The Ohio U.S. Senate race in 2018 is on track to get expensive. Republican U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci of Ohio appears to be on the path to run for governor.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

## **KASICH: LOSING AMAZON HUB ISN'T 'GAME OVER' FOR WILMINGTON**

Better job applicants and facilities led Amazon to choose Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport over Wilmington for its worldwide air cargo hub, Ohio Gov. John Kasich told reporters Wednesday.

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## **BUDGET CHIEF: KASICH CONSERVATIVE ON GROWTH**

Gov. John Kasich has warned against lawmakers' using rosier revenue projections to justify additional spending over the next two years, but a legislative agency on Wednesday estimated that revenues will climb at a faster pace than his administration has predicted.

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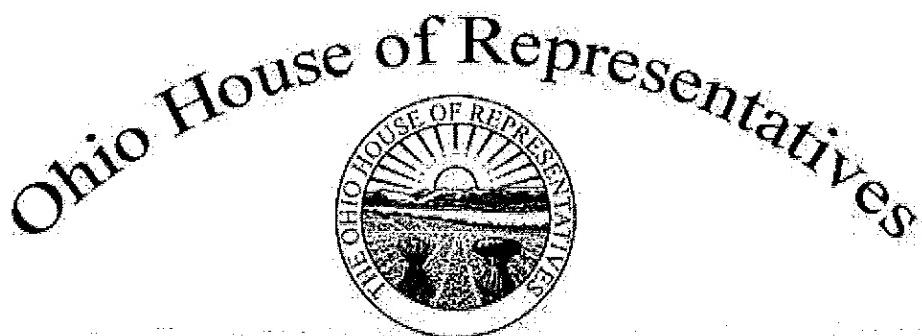
## **VALLEY LEGISLATORS APPOINTED AS RANKING DEMS TO STATE HOUSE,**

### **SENATE COMMITTEES**

Three Ohio House Democrats who represent the Mahoning Valley were named as ranking minority members on committees in the state Legislature.

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**\*\*Deadline extended to Monday, February 6, 2017 @  
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Representative John Becker  
Ohio's 65<sup>th</sup> House District

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** GOP House Members  
**From:** Representative John Becker  
**Date:** February 2, 2017  
**RE:** Co-Sponsor Request: Public Sector Right-to-Work

I will soon be reintroducing a public sector right-to-work bill. This bill was previously introduced in the 131<sup>st</sup> General Assembly as HB 583.

There is a national trend of states moving to implement right-to-work laws. With Kentucky being the 27<sup>th</sup> state to continue that trend, it's time Ohio steps up to the plate. All of Ohio's neighboring states, with the exception of Pennsylvania, have right-to-work laws on the books.

This legislation:

- Provides public sector workers the choice to opt out of union representation and dues.
- Allows non-union employees to voluntarily make financial contributions to a union.
- Protects unions from the requirement of representing non-union employees.
- Appropriates \$30,000 in fiscal year 17 for pamphlets and brochures.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation or have any questions, please contact Roanna Thawley at (614) 466-8134 or [Roanna.Thawley@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Roanna.Thawley@ohiohouse.gov). The deadline to co-sponsor is COB, **Monday, February 6, 2017**. Thank you for your consideration.

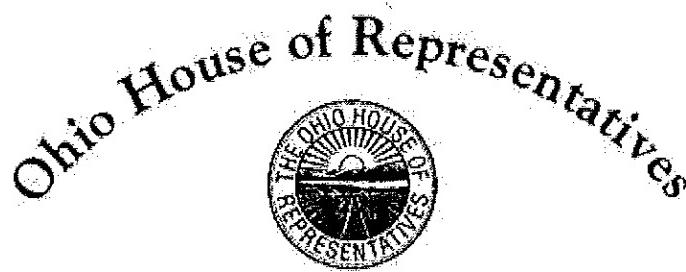
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**REMINDER: Deadline to co-sponsor is TOMORROW at 5pm!**



**To:** All House Members  
**From:** Representatives Dever and Greenspan  
**Date:** Friday, January 27, 2017  
**RE: Co-sponsor Request: Online Checkbook**

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In the near future, we plan to reintroduce legislation that will codify a state government expenditure database. This measure is identical to House Bill 46 of the 131st General Assembly, which **passed the House of Representatives in April of 2015 unanimously with 74 co-sponsors**.

Throughout the legislative process, this legislation had no opponents and attracted broad bipartisan support from organizations including the Buckeye Institute, Ohio Public Research Interest Group, and the Ohio Newspaper Association.

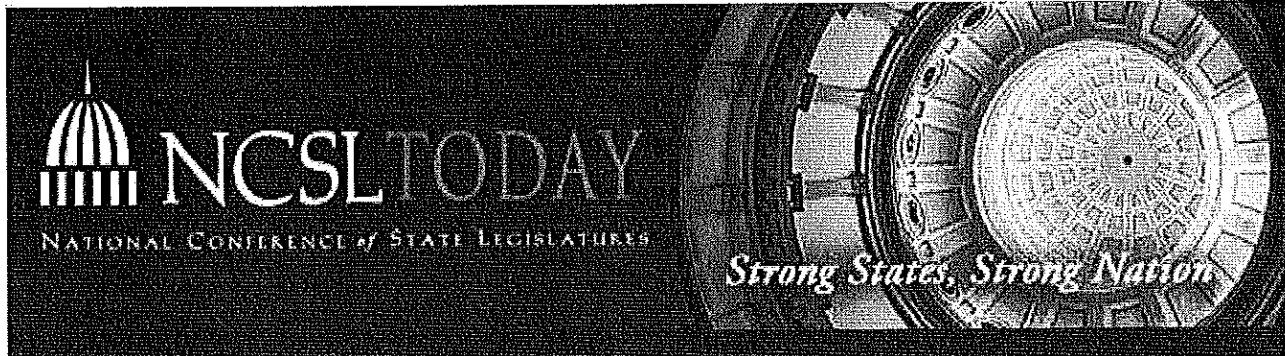
Using existing authority, in December 2014, Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel unveiled [www.ohiocheckbook.com](http://www.ohiocheckbook.com), an easily accessible, searchable database of state expenditures for

our taxpayers to hold state government accountable for spending. The new website, arguably the best of its kind in the Nation, reflects the intent of this legislation, but it could readily be taken down by a future treasurer of state. Through this legislation, future treasurers, regardless of political affiliation or commitment to transparency, must maintain this important tool that already is providing more accountable government to our state's residents.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding its content, please contact Justin Hucke at 466-8120 or [Justin.Hucke@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Justin.Hucke@ohiohouse.gov) or Bill White at 466-0961 or [Bill.White@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Bill.White@ohiohouse.gov). The deadline for co-sponsoring this bill is Friday, February 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

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### What's driving population decline in more states?

*Stateline*

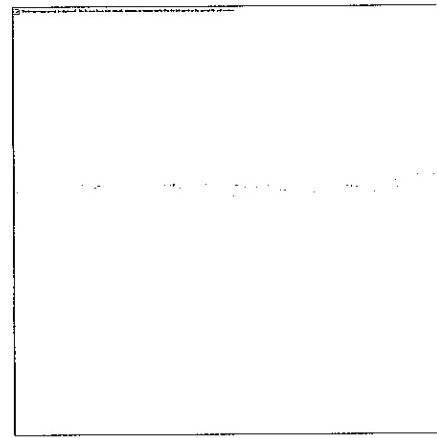
More states lost population last year than in 30 years. Some of the loss can be attributed to national demographic trends — but not all of it.

### Bipartisan Tennessee bill would require safety restraint systems in all school buses

*Chattanooga Times Free Press*

Beginning July 1, 2018, the bill will require safety restraint systems on any Tennessee school bus ordered or purchased by a public or private school or system intended to transport students, as well as for extracurricular activities and other school events. **NCSL data cited.**

NCSL resources on school bus safety.



### A Rocky Road: new issue of State Legislatures magazine

Broadly speaking, public-private partnerships, known as P3s, are agreements in which a private-sector party provides a service that is traditionally delivered by a

## **U.S. starts year with jobs surge but pay gains are weak**

*The New York Times*

Employers added a healthy 227,000 workers to their payrolls in January, the government reported on Friday. But despite a surge of local minimum-wage increases, average hourly earnings grew by only 0.1 percent.

## **Missouri lawmakers send right-to-work law to governor's desk**

*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

A moment long dreaded by the state's labor unions and their supporters arrived on Thursday, as Missouri lawmakers sent a right-to-work proposal to a Republican governor who has promised for months that he'd sign it. NCSL resources on right-to-work laws.

## **Kansas exceeds January revenue estimate, lawmakers mull how to close shortfall**

*Topeka Capitol-Journal*

Kansas took in about \$24 million more than anticipated in January, the third month in a row in which revenue has met or exceeded expectations, though the windfall put only a small dent in the state's budget shortfall.

## **California lawmakers can't figure out what to do with Airbnb**

*The Los Angeles Times*

Short-term rental legislation has failed in Sacramento for multiple reasons, those on all sides of the issue said, including cities' reluctance to let the state involve itself in local tax collection and the relative political strengths of both

public agency. In terms of infrastructure, a private partner typically assumes significant responsibility and risk over a project's design, construction or operation.

## **Federal action and health system changes**

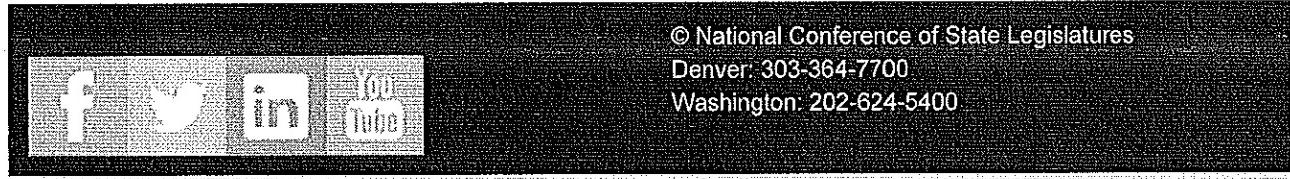
### **'Our American States': a new NCSL podcast**

### **Capitol-to-Capitol state-federal newsletter**

## **Preventing opioid misuse; legislative trends and predictions**

As overdose deaths from opioids—including prescription drugs—continue to rise, strategies to confront the epidemic are likely to stay at the forefront during the 2017 legislative sessions.

Airbnb and labor unions, which are typically the industry's most powerful adversaries.



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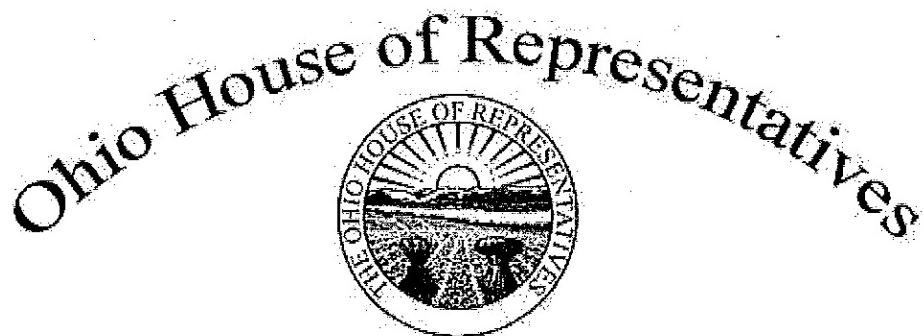
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**Current co-sponsors are Representatives Hood, Brinkman, Dean, Thompson, Vitale, Goodman, Riedel, Roegner, Merrin, Antani, Zeltwanger, and Keller.**  
**If you would like to join, please note the deadline is TODAY at 5 PM.**

**\*\*REMINDER: Deadline extended to Monday, February 6, 2017 @ 5 PM.\*\***



Representative John Becker  
Ohio's 65<sup>th</sup> House District

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** GOP House Members  
**From:** Representative John Becker  
**Date:** February 6, 2017  
**RE:** Co-Sponsor Request: Public Sector Right-to-Work

I will soon be reintroducing a public sector right-to-work bill. This bill was previously introduced in the 131<sup>st</sup> General Assembly as HB 583.

There is a national trend of states moving to implement right-to-work laws. With Kentucky being the 27<sup>th</sup> state to continue that trend, it's time Ohio steps up to the plate. All of Ohio's neighboring states, with the exception of Pennsylvania, have right-to-work laws on the books.

This legislation:

- Provides public sector workers the choice to opt out of union representation and dues.
- Allows non-union employees to voluntarily make financial contributions to a union.
- Protects unions from the requirement of representing non-union employees.
- Appropriates \$30,000 in fiscal year 17 for pamphlets and brochures.

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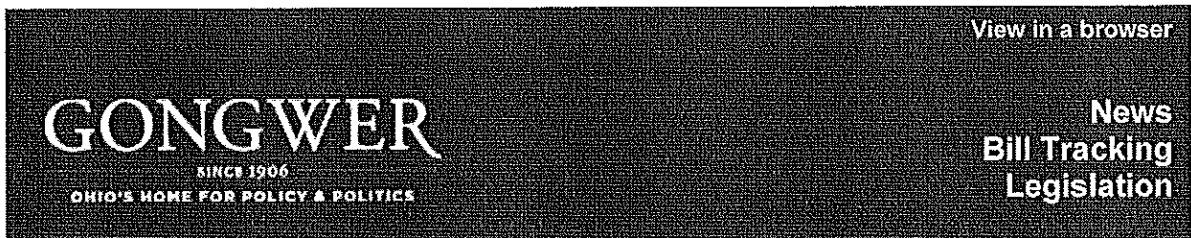
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## SENATE ACTIVITY REPORT

### INTRODUCED

**SB 30**

#### VEHICLE TRAFFIC (Eklund, J.)

To authorize counties to adopt resolutions regulating motor vehicle traffic on county and township roads.

**SB 31**

#### SEWAGE SYSTEMS (Eklund, J.)

To authorize a board of county commissioners or municipal legislative authority to elect to withdraw the county or municipal corporation from the application of any rule adopted by the Department of Health after January 1, 2014, that governs the design of household sewage treatment systems.

**SB 32**

#### TRIAL TIMELINES (Eklund, J.)

To provide a prosecutor an additional fourteen days to commence a trial after a person charged with a felony has been discharged because the person has not been brought to trial within the required amount

of time and to authorize the court to release the person from detention in connection with those charges pending trial.

**SB 33**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT DATA (Eklund, J.)**

To allow disclosure of information from the law enforcement automated data system (LEADS) to a defendant in a traffic or criminal case.

**SB 34**

**ACADEMIC YEAR (Manning, G.)**

To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day.

**SB 35**

**TAX CREDIT (Skindell, M.)**

To remove the income restriction on the earned income tax credit and to make the credit refundable beginning in 2017.

## **SENATE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS**

**CONTROLLING BOARD: APPOINT SEN. HOTTINGER AS A TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT FOR SEN. COLEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE BOARD'S MEETING ON MONDAY, FEB. 6, 2017**

**RECLAIM ADVISORY BOARD: APPOINT SEN. EKLUND**

**SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMISSION: APPOINT SENS. MANNING AND SYKES AS NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

**ABLE ACCOUNT PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD: APPOINT SEN. EKLUND**

**CRIMINAL SENTENCING COMMISSION: APPOINT SEN. EKLUND**

**CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND BOARD: APPOINT SENS. KUNZE AND THOMAS**

**ARTS COUNCIL: APPOINT SENS. DOLAN AND SKINDELL AS NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

**CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION: APPOINT SEN. SYKES**

**COMMISSION ON MINORITY HEALTH: APPOINT SENS. KUNZE AND THOMAS**

**TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION: APPOINT SEN. LAROSE**

**COMMISSION ON INFANT MORTALITY: APPOINT SENS. KUNZE (CO-CHAIR) AND TAVARES**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION: APPOINT PATRICK GINNETTI**

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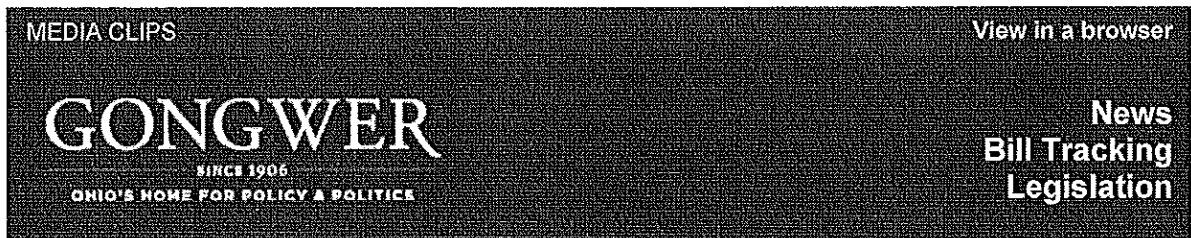
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Victim rights amendment in Ohio clears initial hurdle (Associated Press, 2/7/2017)

Criminal penalties for Cranley and sanctuary city advocates? (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/7/2017)

Is Kasich punishing local GOP for backing Trump? (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/7/2017)

Ohio woman tries offbeat tactic to sway Portman on DeVos (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/7/2017)

Civil rights attorney gets a call from Josh Mandel days after trashing him on Twitter (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/7/2017)

Find out if you would save under Ohio Gov. John Kasich's tax plan (calculator) (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/7/2017)

**Is there a 51st anti-Betsy DeVos vote? Democrats hold talkathon in hopes of finding one (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/7/2017)**

**Josh Mandel is already in full 2018 form: Ohio Politics Roundup (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/7/2017)**

**How to contact your public official (Columbus Dispatch, 2/7/2017)**

**Mandel, state rep want to ban sanctuary cities (Columbus Dispatch, 2/7/2017)**

**Trump trails Obama in number of executive orders, but not impact (Columbus Dispatch, 2/7/2017)**

**Ohio elected officials may face charges if illegal immigrant kills someone (Dayton Daily News, 2/7/2017)**

**Ohio Gov. John Kasich clarifies position on abortion (Dayton Daily News, 2/7/2017)**

**Would your school district gain money in the proposed state budget? (Dayton Daily News, 2/7/2017)**

**Brown to oppose EPA, labor picks (Toledo Blade, 2/7/2017)**

**Ohio called ground zero in dangerous opioid fight (Toledo Blade, 2/7/2017)**

**Proposal aims to ease loss of tax (Toledo Blade, 2/7/2017)**

## **EDITORIALS**

**Public works for local workers (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/7/2017)**

**Editorial: Transit agencies face uncertain funding scenario (Canton Repository, 2/7/2017)**

**Editorial: Transition center could save lives (Columbus Dispatch, 2/7/2017)**

**Kasich's education push deserves bipartisan nod (Youngstown Vindicator, 2/7/2017)**

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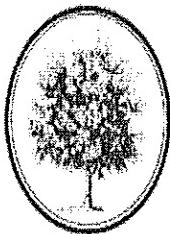
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
February 7, 2017

## The Buckeye Institute Releases Initial Assessment of Kasich's Biennial Budget Proposals

COLUMBUS, OH--On Monday, Governor John Kasich introduced his proposed biennial budget for Ohio covering Fiscal Years (FY) 2018 and 2019. Fiscal Year 2018 begins July 1 this year.

The Buckeye Institute's policy analysts, economists, and researchers have reviewed the series of budget documents and factsheets from the Kasich Administration that describe his proposed budget and the major policies advanced within it.

Our observations and conclusions below are summaries of our initial assessments of several large components of the proposed budget. These will of course be updated and refined as the Ohio General Assembly puts its own stamp on Kasich's proposed budget, and we hope they do us all proud as they work through it. But, for now, just because we know most people (not you of course, but others) are a bit impatient, here is a brief first look at Buckeye's analysis:

### **Spending**

Historically, the General Revenue Fund (GRF) budget has received the lion's share of attention during biennial budget debates; but to get the full fiscal picture, it is necessary to review overall spending which includes billions of dollars in non-GRF funds. GRF spending in Gov. Kasich's budget proposal decreases by 5.1% in FY18, but increases by 2.3% in FY19, for a total GRF budget of nearly \$67 billion over the course of the two years.

However, the total appropriations growth rate, including all funds, exceeds expected inflation and is projected to increase 4.4% in FY18 and 1.8% in FY19. These increases equal an overall spending package of \$144.2 billion over both fiscal years. The biggest single driver of increased overall spending is Medicaid and its expansion. Costs for Medicaid will total \$56.9 billion or 39.5% of all state spending.

The budget's continued heavy reliance on federal dollars is a cause for serious concern. Federal dollars account for nearly 31% of all GRF and makes up a significant non-GRF source of Medicaid funding. With the significant uncertainty surrounding future federal policy coupled with spending changes that could occur in Washington, any reduction of federal funds to Ohio could blow a massive hole in Ohio's total budget.

To better prepare for potential reductions in federal funds, the possibility of a recession, and, in general, to more adequately right-size Ohio's government, policymakers need to:

- Go through the budget, line item by line item, and reduce appropriations that are well above historical spending patterns.
- Stop funding programs through tax dollars that would be better funded by private business or philanthropy.

## Taxes

Gov. Kasich's proposed FY 2018-2019 biennial budget advances several tax policy changes. These changes:

1. Ease the burden of tax compliance by shrinking the number of tax brackets and simplifying tax filings for Ohio businesses.

Reducing the number of brackets should cause tax revenues to increase. Economists have found that a less complex tax code often reduces tax avoidance because having fewer brackets reduces the cost of compliance for businesses while simultaneously increasing the ease with which authorities can enforce the tax code.

2. Increase the state income-tax personal exemption for low- and middle-income Ohioans. Increasing the state income-tax exemption for low- and middle-income families will have modest, positive effects on the incentive to work. However, this reform will also cause tax revenues to decrease because, as economic research has repeatedly shown, people in lower income brackets are less responsive to income tax reform than individuals who earn \$100,000 or more. Self-employed individuals, women, and senior citizens tend to be more responsive to tax policy changes when deciding whether or not to work.

3. Steer Ohio toward a consumption-based tax system by broadening Ohio's sales tax base to include certain discretionary services, such as cable TV subscriptions, elective surgical procedures, landscape and interior design, and travel agent services. This package also includes a one half percent increase in the state sales tax rate from 5.75% to 6.25%. Broadening the sales tax will have a positive effect on tax collections. However, the increase comes at the expense of Ohio families and businesses. By effectively raising the price of some goods and services, sales taxes may have a small negative effect on economic

activity. However, the state must raise tax revenue somehow, and sales taxes are generally less harmful to economic growth overall than taxes on work and investment. The application of the sales tax to specific industries should be closely examined, as should the impact the rate increase will have on border communities that abut neighboring states with lower sales tax rates.

These three tax reforms represent a sound general direction for policy. However, government should not be in the business of penalizing nor rewarding select sectors, businesses, or industries-as happened with the Kasich Administration's proposed severance tax increase and new taxes on the vaping industry.

To summarize, Ohio should pay for income tax reform and reductions through greater cuts to government spending in order to spur a larger positive economic impact. After factoring in other tax increases, the resulting net tax cut is estimated at a relatively small \$39 million. The personal income tax reduction should be larger to avoid it becoming a tax shift than an actual cut.

### **Municipal Income Tax**

Among the bright spots of the proposed FY 2018-2019 biennial budget, Gov. Kasich tackles one of the state's most pernicious problems--Ohio's municipal income tax.

As The Buckeye Institute has long stated, Ohio's municipal income tax is one of the most complex and administratively burdensome taxes in the entire nation. Simplifying this entrapping byzantine maze--including Gov. Kasich's budget proposal that would move toward a singular centralized collection process for businesses through the state--is long overdue and represents sound public policy.

The Buckeye Institute heartily applauds Gov. Kasich for advancing this much-needed and important reform for Ohio.

### **Medicaid**

Medicaid remains the perennial Pac-Man of the state budget. Ohio continues to pick up additional financial burdens that will gobble up an increasing amount of state resources and crowd out other essential investments and priorities such as education and infrastructure. Several cost-saving and personal responsibility provisions are positive. However, far more must be done to control costs.

With mystery swirling around Ohio's long-term Medicaid budget due to anticipated changes coming from Washington, it is time for Ohio policymakers to craft comprehensive and innovative proposals, such as a state innovation waiver also known as a "1332" waiver. The Buckeye Institute is pleased to have produced the comprehensive research and guidebook showing how states can utilize these waivers and circumvent the most damaging aspects of Obamacare. This 1332 waiver would allow the state to begin creating a fully flexible Ohio model including implementing work requirements and even stronger personal responsibility from those in the Medicaid expansion population who are able to work.

Unfortunately, the plan to make up for the now-disallowed Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) sales tax is significantly flawed. The plan is little more than a slight

variation of the same shell game as the MCO sales tax. Further, subsequent presidential administrations could disallow it, which would create another large hole in the state budget.

## **Education**

Overall, the Ohio Department of Education seeks 1.2% and 1.4% budget increases in FY18 and FY19 respectively. These are relatively modest overall increases and, taken as a whole, Gov. Kasich's education funding proposal is a welcome change from the past several budgets where spending increases significantly exceeded the rate of inflation.

Further, the governor's proposal attempts, with small steps, to begin unwinding the inherent problems of "caps" and "guarantees," which are increasingly distorting the accurate functioning of the Foundation Funding Formula (the designated amount spent on each public school student from the state's general revenue funds and lottery profits).

"Guarantees" allow districts with declining enrollment to maintain previous funding levels despite serving fewer students and "caps" prevent districts with growing enrollment levels to receive the full dollar amount from the state as calculated by the funding formula.

Foundation Funding has increased 18% since FY12. Thus, flat funding would be an even better policy combined with the governor's proposal to shift away from the caps and guarantees.

The governor's budget proposal would allow for districts that have experienced enrollment drops of greater than 5% to receive less state aid--on a sliding scale--up to a maximum of 5%. This is a good first step to restoring the foundation formula to its originally designed purpose, though we should go much further to more accurately reflect actual enrollments.

## **Department of Rehabilitation and Correction**

In the proposed FY 2018-2019 budget, Gov. John Kasich and Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) Director Gary Mohr call for more grants to local communities to rehabilitate instead of incarcerate low-level offenders.

The budget proposal reflects a policy that The Buckeye Institute has promoted to bring a market-based approach to criminal justice reform. As Buckeye's policy brief states, such a reform will increase public safety, ease crowding in Ohio's prisons, and, eventually, save taxpayer dollars.

At the budget release, Gov. Kasich noted that 40% of those who go to Ohio's prisons would be there less than a year. That is a huge issue because Ohio spends \$1.7 billion annually on its prison system to lock up nearly 51,000 people. The primary way to combat the cost is through local community rehabilitation, which is less expensive than incarceration.

Currently, DRC has pilot programs in a handful of counties where DRC dollars are granted to the county in return for rehabilitating low-level offenders locally. If the county sends low-level offenders to prison, the county loses funding the next year.

The proposed budget calls for increasing community grants from \$40.3 million in 2017 to \$61.3 million in 2018 and to \$81 million in 2019.

Ohio's juvenile system has already implemented a similar program with resounding success. Those juveniles who complete rehabilitative programming commit less crime than those who are incarcerated, and Ohio saves money.

These programs allow low-level offenders to get the treatment they need and stay connected to their local community rather than being imprisoned alongside hardened and often violent criminals from whom the lower level offenders learn even more criminal behavior. More local rehabilitation options will also free up drug and alcohol treatment space for those in prison.

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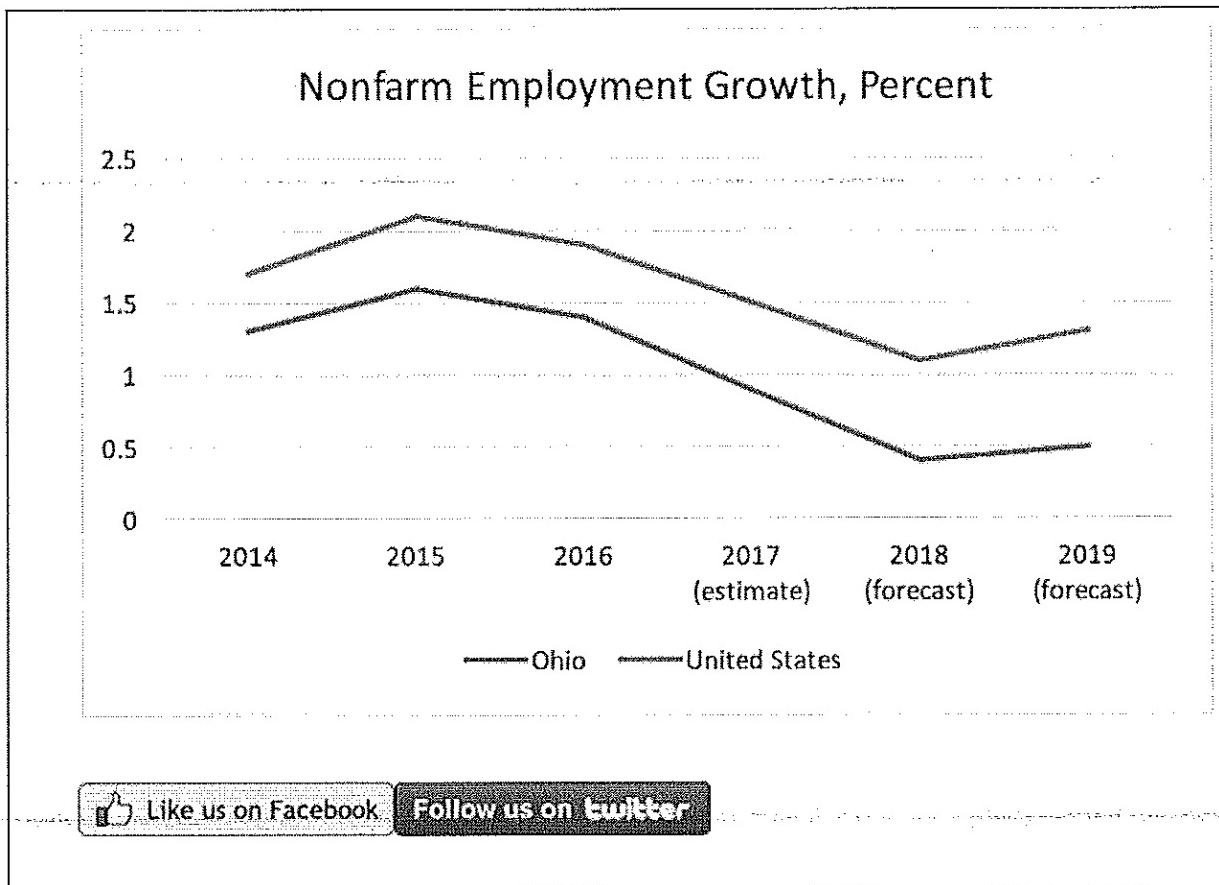
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Here at Policy Matters, we've long said there's nothing miraculous about Governor Kasich's tax cuts. He told us they would help Ohio's economy and be great for business. But by every economic major indicator, Ohio is below average.

Kasich administration officials partly blame our sluggish economy on slow population growth and an aging workforce. Yet the numbers show many Ohioans of prime working age dropped out of the labor force. Why? Because there's simply enough work - not even after all those tax cuts.

In his latest blog, Research Director Zach Schiller writes: "The economic forecast in the budget shows that the tax cut, tax shift policy has failed. Instead, Ohio should be reinvesting in our people."



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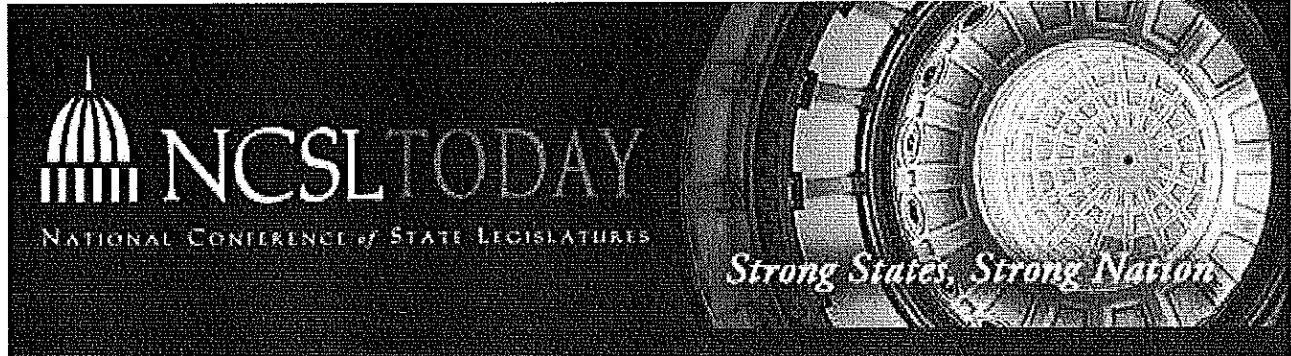
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### States see favorable conditions for gas tax hike

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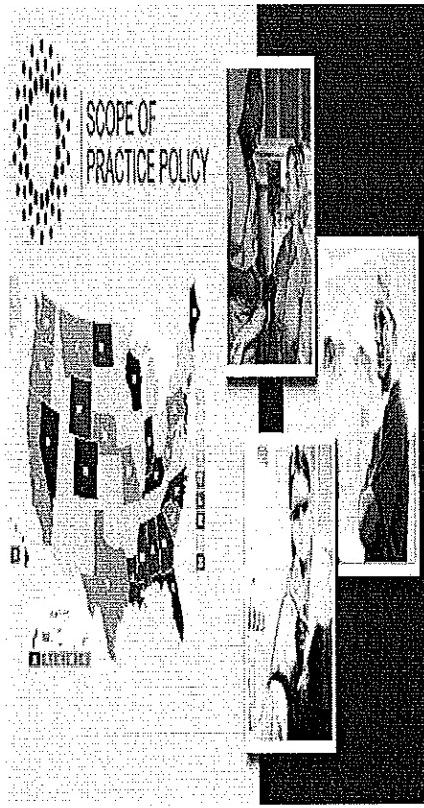
States where gasoline taxes have not risen in decades are now discussing an increase and conditions might be ripe for the proposed hikes to win approval in state legislatures, tax experts said this week. NCSL's Kevin Pula quoted.

### North Carolina judges suspend limits on governor's power

*The New York Times*

A three-judge state court panel in North Carolina on Tuesday held up part of a new Republican-backed law that strips important power from the newly elected Democratic governor.

### Legislators question Ohio governor's budget



### *The Columbus Dispatch*

Gov. John Kasich's school-funding proposal, which cuts state aid to rural districts while providing more money for many suburban and urban schools, is getting a mixed reaction from legislators.

### **Iowa Republicans propose sweeping changes to collective bargaining**

#### *The Des Moines Register*

Republican lawmakers on Tuesday proposed sweeping changes to Iowa's collective bargaining laws that govern the way 184,000 of the state's teachers, corrections officers and other public sector union workers negotiate for wages, health care and other employment benefits.

### **Congress takes aim at California law mandating retirement plans for low-income workers**

#### *The Los Angeles Times*

An ambitious California law intended to help create retirement security for low-income workers is in the crosshairs of the Trump-era Congress, which is moving to block the state and others from launching programs to automatically enroll millions of people in IRA-type savings plans.

NCSL Foundation Partnership on Retirement Security.

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### **Three state legislative officers to serve on FCC advisory board**

### **Energy efficiency and renewables in lower-income homes**

### **New edition of Capitol to Capitol newsletter**



### **Tracking scope of practice around the nation**

Different states have different laws regarding scope of practice for health care providers. States define local solutions to local issues surrounding scope of

wrestled with the question of what qualifies as "universal." NCSL research on school readiness and transitions.

practice policy. Tracking what's happening around the country is a challenge. This website provides policymakers with an easy reference source.

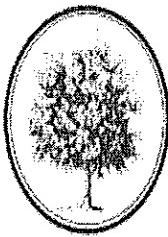


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## **The Buckeye Institute's Economic Research Center Releases New Model of Wyoming's Economy-- Demonstrates Impact of Various Policy Changes**

Columbus, OH--On Thursday, The Buckeye Institute's Economic Research Center (ERC) released two timely reports on Wyoming's fiscal and economic problems as demonstrated by a sophisticated new dynamic model it created of Wyoming's economy:

- Review of Wyoming's Fiscal Health
- Fiscal Policy, Theory, and Measurement: The State of Wyoming

These comprehensive economic studies were conducted in partnership with Wyoming Liberty Group in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Economists at The Buckeye Institute's ERC analyzed both the challenges and several potential policy solutions for Wyoming's state budget woes. With its unique custom economic models that employ top-of-the-line dynamic analysis, ERC economists were able to predict how changes in various proposed tax policies will alternately create additional, or threaten existing, jobs in Wyoming.

Wyoming Liberty Group CEO Jonathan Downing said,

"Wyoming Liberty Group is pleased to be able to provide the hard facts, data, economic research, and analysis of various public policy solutions to Wyoming's budget crisis, which have been sorely needed in years past. With this new information and dynamic model in hand, policymakers will have the tools necessary to make fiscally-sound decisions as they address the state's budget issues."

The ERC's model unfortunately reveals that the fiscal problems Wyoming faces may be even worse than anticipated. Excluding transfers from state savings, Wyoming revenue collections have fallen ten percent per person over the last decade in real dollars. The reports praise Wyoming's sensible tax policy that taxes consumption more than personal income or investment. The report's modeled policy scenarios included increases or decreases to the franchise tax, sales tax, severance tax, and an increase in exports. The economists also included a creation of a personal income tax, with the assumption that Wyoming's constitution changed to allow such a tax. The model showed that an effective increase in the sales tax of .5% (through removing exemptions) would result in the loss of nearly 1,000 jobs and a reduction of \$15 million to the state economy over the next two years.

ERC lead economist and report author Dr. Orphe Divounguy stated of the results,

"The Wyoming economy faces tough challenges due to the downturn in the energy market. Wyoming policymakers should consider tax reforms that encourage investment and growth. One of the best pro-growth policies would be the elimination of the franchise tax, which significantly affects investment. One of the worst policies would be the creation of a state income tax. A new income tax would cause even more severe problems for the Wyoming economy and would reduce state GDP and job creation."

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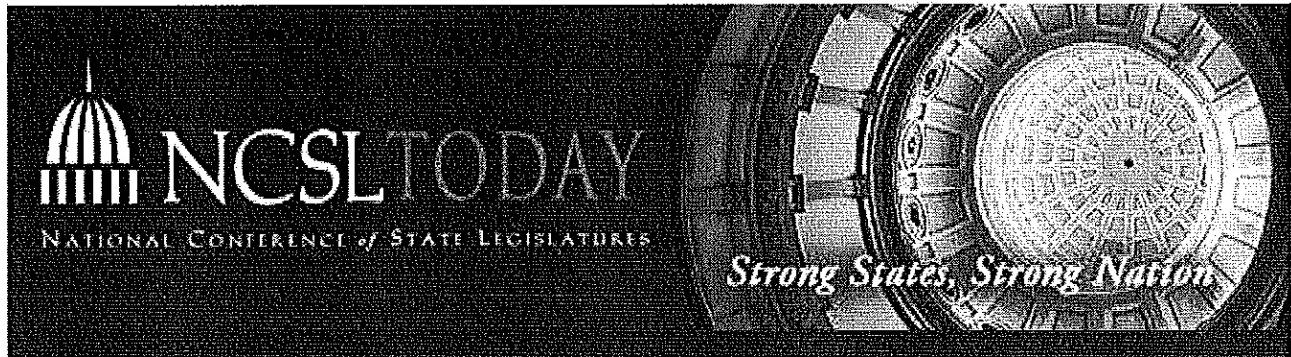
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## TOP NEWS Feb. 13, 2017

### Health care adjusts to a more diverse America

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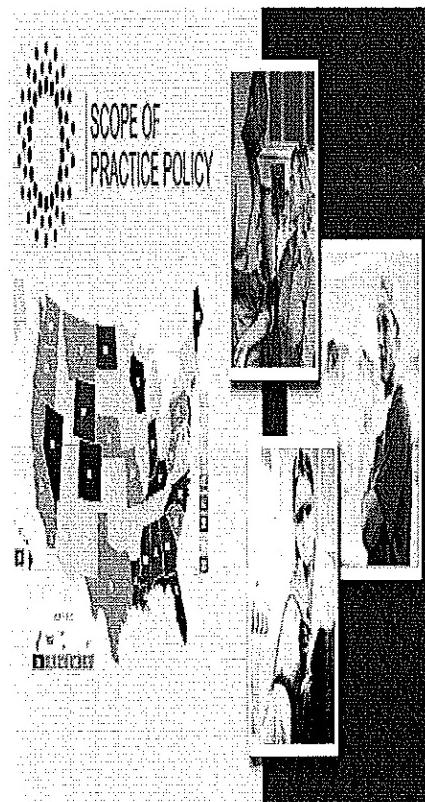
Health care providers will need to beef up language services, hire diverse staff, and pay attention to culturally appropriate care strategies.

### State GOP leaders move swiftly as party bickers in Congress

*The New York Times*

Republicans have top-to-bottom control in 25 states now, holding both the governorship and the entire legislature, and Republican lawmakers are acting with lightning speed to enact longstanding conservative priorities.

### Distracted driving penalties could increase statewide in Washington



### *Associated Press*

Lawmakers heard emotional testimony this week from people who lost friends and family members in car accidents caused by drivers distracted by their phones. They are among many who want to make it illegal to hold any hand-held device while driving and ensure offenders receive harsher penalties. **NCSL data cited.**  
NCSL resources on distracted driving.

### **States increasingly targeted by cybercriminals**

#### *State Net Capitol Journal*

GCN, which provides research for public sector IT managers, reported that between 2013 and 2015 the number of cyberattacks on state computer networks in Utah increased 10,000-fold, from 50,000 to 20 million per day to 300 million to 500 million per day.  
NCSL resources on state cybersecurity legislation.

### **Tapping private sector for roads and bridges poses hurdles for Trump**

#### *Bloomberg*

Even as President Donald Trump vows to steer more private money toward improving U.S. roads, bridges and airports, familiar impediments may hinder investors. **NCSL data cited.**  
NCSL toolkit for legislators on public-private partnerships for transportation.

### **Despite union resistance, right-to-work momentum is growing**

### **Visit NCSL's new website on Scope of Practice Policy**

A health care provider's scope of practice describes the procedures, actions and processes that a health care practitioner is permitted to undertake in keeping with the terms of his or her professional license.

### **Autonomous vehicles legislative database**

### **Energy efficiency and renewables in lower-income homes**

### **State Legislatures magazine: Rocky road to fix aging roads, bridges**

### **House committee votes to terminate Election Assistance Commission**

The U.S. House Committee on House Administration voted 6-3 along party lines this week to

*Governing*

Several states have already passed right-to-work laws this year -- and their reach may finally expand into the Northeast.

NCSL resources on right-to-work laws.

terminate the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

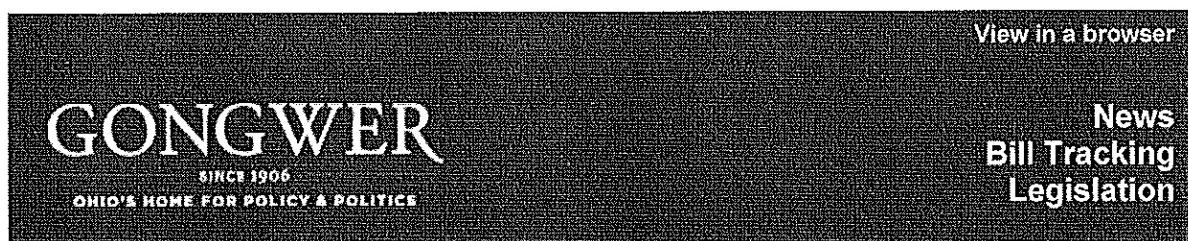


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## HOUSE ACTIVITY REPORT

### INTRODUCED

**HB 51**

#### AGENCY REVIEWS (Faber, K.)

To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

**HB 52**

#### DEED SOLICITATION (Rezabek, J.)

To regulate the solicitation of certain deeds.

**HB 53**

#### UNION DUES (Becker, J.)

To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to

any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation.

**HB 54**

**REVENUE OBLIGATIONS (Blessing, L., Gavarone, T.)**

To authorize the Treasurer of State to issue revenue obligations of the state for the purpose of making loans to qualifying public entities for their acquisition of permanent improvements through the Treasurer of State's purchase of public obligations of those qualifying entities.

**HB 55**

**ROAD NAMING (Rogers, J.)**

To designate a portion of State Route Two in Lake County as the "Lcpl Bret M. Poklar Memorial Highway."

**HB 56**

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Dever, J., Gavarone, T.)**

To permit a person who is found not guilty or is the defendant in a dismissed case to apply for an expungement of the person's records in the case if the complaint, indictment, or finding of not guilty resulted from the applicant having been a victim of human trafficking, to permit a person convicted of certain prostitution-related offenses to apply for the expungement of any record of conviction of an offense, with certain exceptions, if the person's participation in the offense was a result of having been a victim of human trafficking, and to authorize intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution.

**HB 57**

**DOMESTIC STEEL (Boccieri, J., Ramos, D.)**

To require the use of domestic steel in construction, repair, or improvement projects involving certain buildings used by public schools, state institutions of higher education, and specified private colleges.

**HB 58**

**CURSIVE HANDWRITING (Brenner, A., Slaby, M.)**

To require instruction in cursive handwriting.

**HB 59**

**DAY DESIGNATION (Leland, D., West, T.)**

To designate October 7 as "Moses Fleetwood Walker Day."

**HB 60**

**DRIVER'S LICENSES (Hambley, S., Rogers, J.)**

To authorize the issuance of an enhanced driver's license, enhanced commercial driver's license, and enhanced identification card to facilitate land and sea border crossings between the United States and Canada and Mexico, pursuant to an agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security.

## **HOUSE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS**

**FEDERALISM AND INTERSTATE RELATIONS: REMOVE  
REPRESENTATIVE DUFFEY; APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE GOODMAN.**

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE: APPOINT REPS.  
STRAHORN, CELEBREZZE, AND ANTONIO.**

**OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION: SPEAKER  
ROSENBERGER, REPRESENTATIVES SCHURING, PELANDA,  
LATORETTE, AND PATTON.**

**OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION: REP.  
HOLMES**

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Hi Rosa,

I'll share this with Rep. LaTourette!

Best,

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Good afternoon.

First of all Thank you for your commitment to survivors of sexual assault in the state of Ohio! I know how busy your schedules are. It meant a lot to OAESV and the advocates that you were our guest panelist at our Policy Forum this year. Your continuous support and commitment speaks volumes.

I wanted to also notify you the Eklund has reintroduced the advocacy privilege legislation SB41.

**SB41      QUALIFIED ADVOCATE PRIVILEGES (EKLUND J)** To provide generally a testimonial privilege for communications between a qualified advocate rendering advocacy services and a victim of sexual violence,

menacing by stalking, or domestic violence, to exempt the nondisclosure of that privileged communication from the offense of failure to report a crime, to require a qualified advocate to report knowledge or reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect of the victim except for privileged communications, and to specify circumstances in which the victim is considered to have waived the privilege.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

*Rosa Beltré*

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**“Trust the wait. Embrace the uncertainty. Enjoy the beauty of becoming. When nothing is certain, anything is possible.”**

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Eklund introduced the advocacy privilege legislation. SB 41!

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**Bills Introduced Since 1/30/2017**

- HB1      PROTECTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS** (SYKES E, MANNING N) To authorize the issuance of dating violence protection orders with respect to conduct directed at a petitioner alleging dating violence, to provide access to domestic violence shelters for victims of dating violence, and to require the Attorney General's victim's bill of rights pamphlet to include a notice that a petitioner alleging dating violence has the right to petition for a civil protection order.
- HB2      CIVIL RIGHTS EMPLOYMENT LAW** (SEITZ B) To modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment.
- HB3      DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION** (DUFFEY M, HAGAN C) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at [data.Ohio.gov](http://data.Ohio.gov), to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations.
- HB4      COCAINE AMOUNTS DETERMINATION** (CUPP B, ROGERS J) To provide that in determining the amount of cocaine for trafficking and possession offenses, it also includes a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance containing cocaine, and to declare an emergency.
- HB5      MICROBUSINESS STATUTORY DEFINITION** (PELANDA D, GAVARONE T) To create a statutory definition of "microbusiness."
- HB6      RECORDS PUBLICATION FEES** (BARNES, JR. J) To prohibit a person who publishes or disseminates criminal record information from soliciting or accepting a fee to remove, correct, modify, or refrain from publishing or otherwise disseminating the information and to provide criminal and civil remedies for a violation of the prohibition.
- HB7      MEDICAL CARE PROTECTIONS** (CUPP B) To grant qualified civil immunity to certain medical providers who provide emergency medical services as a result of a disaster; to provide that certain communications made regarding an unanticipated outcome of medical care, the development or implementation of standards under federal laws, and an insurer's reimbursement policies on health care are inadmissible as evidence in a medical claim; to provide that medical bills itemizing charges are inadmissible as evidence and an amount accepted as full payment for medical services is admissible as evidence of the

reasonableness of the charges; to specify the manner of sending a notice of intent to file a medical claim and provide a procedure for the discovery of other potential claims within a specified period after the filing of a medical claim; to provide that any loss of a chance of recovery or survival by itself is not an injury, death, or loss for which damages may be recovered; to provide civil immunity to certain medical providers regarding the discharge of a patient with a mental condition that threatens the safety of the patient or others; to require that governmental agencies that receive peer review committee records maintain their confidentiality; and to clarify the definition of "medical claim."

- HB8** **PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS** (HAMBLEY S, REZABEK J) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident.
- HB9** **MALFUNCTIONING LIGHTS-BICYCLES** (KOEHLER K) To specify that the alternative protocol for proceeding into an intersection with malfunctioning traffic lights due to a failure of a vehicle detector applies only to bicycles.
- HB10** **INTRASTATE EQUITY CROWDFUNDING** (ARNDT S) To permit intrastate equity crowdfunding under certain circumstances.
- HB11** **INCORPORATING FEDERAL REVENUE CHANGES** (SCHERER G) To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since February 14, 2016, into Ohio law.
- HB12** **HISTORICAL DESIGNATION-BARN** (GONZALES A) To designate the barn as the official historical architectural structure of the state.
- HB13** **JURY SERVICE-EXCUSES** (GONZALES A) To permit a prospective juror who is a mother who is breast-feeding her baby to be excused from jury service.
- HB14** **AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION** (CLYDE K) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system.
- HB15** **REVENUE FOR MINE FUNDS** (CERA J) To credit a portion of the revenue derived from the kilowatt-hour tax to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, the Acid Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment Fund, and the Mine Safety Fund and to make other changes to the use of money in those funds.
- HB16** **HIGHWAY DESIGNATIONS-CARL BERNHART** (CERA J) To designate a portion of State Route 43 in Jefferson County as the "Army Corporal Carl H. Bernhart Memorial Highway."
- HB17** **INSTANT BINGO LICENSURE** (CERA J) To reduce the licensing fee for charitable organizations conducting instant bingo on five or fewer days per

- year, and to allow those organizations to change the location and date of the instant bingo sessions after a license has been issued.
- HB18** **SPECIAL ELECTION REQUIREMENTS** (PELANDA D, RETHERFORD W) To eliminate the requirement of holding a special election to fill a vacancy in a party nomination for the office of representative to Congress under certain circumstances.
- HB19** **ARSON OFFENSE DEFINITION** (BLESSING III L, LANDIS A) To include recklessly causing, by means of fire or explosion, physical harm to the offender's or another person's motor vehicle, house, building, or other structure, or to any other property of another person, while manufacturing or attempting to manufacture a controlled substance, as a violation of the offense of arson.
- HB20** **COMPENSATORY DAMAGES CAP REMOVAL** (GONZALES A, BOGGS K) To remove the cap on the amount of compensatory damages that represents damages for noneconomic loss that is recoverable in a tort action when the tort action is brought by a victim of rape, felonious assault, aggravated assault, assault, or negligent assault.
- HB21** **COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION** (HAMBLEY S) Regarding verification of community school enrollments.
- HB22** **HIGHWAY DESIGNATIONS-JAMES ALLEN** (HAMBLEY S) To designate a portion of State Route 261 in Medina and Summit Counties as the "Sergeant James F. Allen III Memorial Highway."
- HB23** **ALCOHOLIC ICE CREAM SALE** (PATTERSON J, BOGGS K) To allow A-4 liquor permit holders to manufacture and sell ice cream containing between one-half of one per cent and six per cent of alcohol by volume.
- HB24** **VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS-TAX EXEMPTION** (GINTER T) To modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property to include property of certain veterans organizations exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and to exclude property that is not used primarily for meetings, administration, and the provision of programs and services to past and present members of the United States armed forces.
- HB25** **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION-POPULAR VOTE** (RAMOS D, LELAND D) To adopt the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.
- HB26** **TRANSPORTATION-PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET** (MCCOLLEY R) To make appropriations for programs related to transportation and public safety for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs.
- HB27** **WORKERS' COMPENSATION BUDGET** (BRINKMAN T) To make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, to make appropriations for the Bureau of

Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs.

- HB28 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION BUDGET** (BRINKMAN T) To make appropriations for the Industrial Commission for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of Commission programs.
- HB29 MUNICIPAL WATER RESERVOIR BUFFERS** (LELAND D, BOGGS K) To eliminate law authorizing the maintenance of buffers around municipal water reservoirs by contiguous property owners.
- HB30 PERMANENTLY DISABLING CRIME SPECIFICATION** (KOEHLER K) To require an additional prison term of 3 to 8 years for an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony offense of violence if the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification that the victim suffered permanent disabling harm and that the victim was under 6 years of age at the time of the offense.
- HB31 CONTRACTING ADVISORY COUNCIL-ABOLITION** (CUPP B) To abolish the Government Contracting Advisory Council.
- HB32 CASINO GAMBLING EMPLOYEES** (SEITZ B) To specify that the criminal penalty related to casino operators and employees participating in casino gaming applies at their casino facility or an affiliated casino facility.
- HB33 SAFE FIREARMS STORAGE** (PATMON B) To prohibit any person from storing or leaving a firearm in the person's residence unless the firearm is secured in safe storage or rendered inoperable if the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor is able to gain access to the firearm and to provide criminal penalties if a minor gains unauthorized access to a firearm not so stored or rendered inoperable.
- HB34 OFFICIAL NOTICE DELIVERY** (HAMBLEY S, RYAN S) To authorize certain state agencies, local governments, and other boards, commissions, and officers to deliver certain notices by ordinary mail and electronically instead of by certified mail.
- HB35 BANKING LAW** (HUGHES J) To enact a new banking law for the State of Ohio.
- HB36 MINISTERS-MARRIAGE** (VITALE N) To provide that an ordained or licensed minister or religious society is not required to solemnize a marriage and a religious society is not required to allow any building or property of the religious society to be used to host a marriage ceremony if the marriage does not conform to the ordained or licensed minister's or religious society's sincerely held religious beliefs, to provide that an ordained or licensed minister or religious society is not subject to civil or criminal liability for such a denial, and

to provide that the state and political subdivisions may not penalize or withhold benefits to an ordained or licensed minister or religious society for such a denial.

- HB37 SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES** (ARNDT S) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security.
- HB38 CRIMINAL OFFENSES-VIOLENCE** (GREENSPAN D) To provide that purposely causing the death of a first responder or military member is aggravated murder and to require an offender to serve the prison term imposed for felonious assault on a peace officer, investigator, first responder, or military member consecutively to the prison term imposed for any related offense.
- HB39 SNOW REMOVAL** (ARNDT S, GAVARONE T) To authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.
- HB40 GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE** (DEVER J, GREENSPAN D) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database.
- HB41 VOTING PROCESS** (PELANDA D) To modify the law concerning challenges to voter registrations, the appointment of observers, and the procedures for processing absent voter's ballots and for casting absent voter's ballots in person.
- HB42 VEHICLE TIRE SAFETY** (SPRAGUE R, DEVITIS A) To prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.
- HB43 HIGHWAY DESIGNATION-BURT MILLER** (DEVITIS A) To designate the portion of State Route 93 in New Franklin as the "PFC Burt "Rusty" Miller Memorial Highway."
- HB44 DAY DESIGNATION-FIRST RESPONDERS** (PATMON B) To designate May 24 as First Responders' Appreciation Day.
- HB45 MONTH DESIGNATION-NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS** (SPRAGUE R) To designate May as "Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month."
- HB46 GOVERNMENT FUNDS** (SPRAGUE R) To modify the qualifications regarding notes eligible for investment of county inactive moneys and money in the public library fund.
- HB47 STUDENTS IN MILITARY** (BOCCIERI J) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges.

- HB48** **WAR RELIC PROTECTION** (SCHAFFER T) To prohibit a war relic that is located on public property or on the property of a cemetery association from being sold or otherwise disposed of, or destroyed, relocated, removed, altered, or otherwise disturbed, except under certain circumstances.
- HB49** **OPERATING BUDGET** (SMITH R) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget.
- HB50** **SNAP REQUIREMENTS** (SCHAFFER T) To establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.
- SB1** **DRUG LAWS** (LAROSE F) To increase penalties for drug trafficking violations, drug possession violations, and aggravated funding of drug trafficking when the drug involved in the offense is a fentanyl-related compound, to revise the manner of determining sentence for certain violations of the offense of permitting drug abuse, and to add lisdexamfetamine to the list of schedule II controlled substances.
- SB2** **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS LAWS** (HITE C) To revise specified laws relating to environmental protection.
- SB3** **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** (BEAGLE B, BALDERSO N T) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week.
- SB4** **RECORDS EXPUNGEMENT** (KUNZE S, OELSLAGER S) To allow a person who is found not guilty of an offense or who is the defendant named in a dismissed criminal charge to apply for a court order to expunge the person's official records in the case if the charge or not guilty finding was the result of the applicant having been a human trafficking victim, to allow a person convicted of certain prostitution-related offenses to apply for the expungement of the conviction record of any offense, other than a specified disqualifying offense, the person's participation in which was a result of having been a human trafficking victim, and to allow intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution.
- SB5** **INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS** (HOTTINGER J, EKLUND J) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency.

- SB6      OHIO BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM** (HOAGLAND F) To extend the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program through the end of fiscal year 2019 and to require the Director of Transportation to submit a report to the Governor, Senate, and House of Representatives recommending ways to continue to fund the program.
- SB7      PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATIONS** (BACON K, MANNING G) To provide that service of a protection order or consent agreement upon a person is not necessary for the person to be convicted of the offense of violating a protection order if the person had actual notice of the order or agreement and the person recklessly violated its terms.
- SB8      SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY** (GARDNER R, TERHAR L) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security.
- SB9      AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY** (BACON K) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes.
- SB10     PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS** (LAROSE F) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election.
- SB11     CESAR CHAVEZ DAY DESIGNATION** (TAVARES C) To designate March 31 as "Cesar E. Chavez Day" in Ohio.
- SB12     DEATH PENALTY IMPOSITION** (TAVARES C) To provide that a defendant cannot be executed if the defendant's race was the basis of the decision to seek or impose the death penalty, to permit a defendant to file a motion alleging that the defendant's race was the basis of the decision to seek or impose the death penalty, and to specify the procedure for determining if the defendant's race was the basis of that decision.
- SB13     RECORDING LAW ENFORCEMENT** (TAVARES C) To grant a person the right to lawfully record any incident involving a law enforcement officer and to impose civil liability upon the state or a local law enforcement agency if a law enforcement officer employed by the state or local law enforcement agency interferes with the recording of the incident, destroys the recording, seizes the recording without a warrant or subpoena or the person's consent, or retaliates against the person who recorded the incident.
- SB14     MINIMUM WAGES AND OVERTIME** (TAVARES C) To require that domestic workers be paid the higher of the minimum wage provided in Section 34a of Article II, Ohio Constitution, or the minimum wage provided in the Fair Labor Standards Act, to require that domestic workers be paid overtime wages, to make certain conduct directed toward a domestic worker an unlawful

discriminatory practice, and to require a weekly day of rest for domestic workers.

- SB15** **COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS** (TAVARES C) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises.
- SB16** **HEALTH CARE CULTURE COMPETENCY** (TAVARES C) To require certain health care professionals to complete instruction in cultural competency.
- SB17** **LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION** (TAVARES C) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month.
- SB18** **JESSE OWENS DAY DESIGNATION** (THOMAS C) To designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."
- SB19** **PROSECUTING ATTORNEY RESTRICTIONS** (THOMAS C) To prohibit prosecuting attorneys of counties with a population of 400,001 or more from engaging in the private practice of law.
- SB20** **PERMANENTLY DISABLING CRIME SPECIFICATION** (HACKETT R) To require an additional prison term of 3 to 8 years for an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony offense of violence if the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification that the victim suffered permanent disabling harm.
- SB21** **ELECTRONIC POLLBOOK USAGE** (UECKER J) To reduce the minimum number of precinct election officials in a precinct in which electronic pollbooks are used and to eliminate the requirement that a board of elections send a notice to a person's residence address when the board cancels the person's voter registration because it received a report of the person's death.
- SB22** **INCORPORATING FEDERAL REVENUE CHANGES** (PETERSON B) To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since February 14, 2016, into Ohio law.
- SB23** **OMPHALOCELE AWARENESS DAY DESIGNATION** (TERHAR L) To designate January 31 as "Omphalocele Awareness Day."
- SB24** **CONSUMER INSTALLMENT LOANS** (TERHAR L) To create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act.
- SB25** **PERRY COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT** (HOTTINGER J) To create the Perry County Municipal Court in New Lexington on January 1, 2018, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Perry County County Court on that date, to designate the Perry County Clerk of Courts as the clerk of the Perry County

Municipal Court, and to provide for the election for the Perry County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2017.

- SB26      THOMAS COTTRELL HIGHWAY DESIGNATION** (HOTTINGER J, JORDAN K) To designate a portion of State Route 205 and United States Route 62 in Knox County as the "Officer Thomas W. Cottrell Jr. Memorial Highway."
- SB27      DEAF HISTORY MONTH DESIGNATION** (BEAGLE B) To designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."
- SB28      DISPOSITION OF FETAL REMAINS** (UECKER J) Regarding final disposition of fetal remains from surgical abortions.
- SB29      BANKING LAW** (COLEY W, OELSLAGER S) To enact a new banking law for the State of Ohio.
- SB30      VEHICLE RESOLUTIONS BY COUNTIES** (EKLUND J) To authorize counties to adopt resolutions regulating motor vehicle traffic on county and township roads.
- SB31      HEALTH RULE WITHDRAW PROCESS** (EKLUND J) To authorize a board of county commissioners or municipal legislative authority to elect to withdraw the county or municipal corporation from the application of any rule adopted by the Department of Health after January 1, 2014, that governs the design of household sewage treatment systems.
- SB32      CRIMINAL TRIAL PROCESS** (EKLUND J) To provide a prosecutor an additional fourteen days to commence a trial after a person charged with a felony has been discharged because the person has not been brought to trial within the required amount of time and to authorize the court to release the person from detention in connection with those charges pending trial.
- SB33      LEADS DISCLOSURE** (EKLUND J) To allow disclosure of information from the law enforcement automated data system (LEADS) to a defendant in a traffic or criminal case.
- SB34      SCHOOL YEARS** (MANNING G) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day.
- SB35      TAX CREDIT RESTRICTION REMOVAL** (SKINDELL M) To remove the income restriction on the earned income tax credit and to make the credit refundable beginning in 2017.
- SB36      AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION** (HITE C) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type.

- SB37** **POLICE CHIEFS TRAINING** (HITE C) To require the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to develop and conduct a chief of police training course for newly appointed village, city, and township chiefs of police.
- SB38** **RAISE MINIMUM WAGE** (YUKO K) To raise the minimum wage; to eliminate the prohibition against political subdivisions establishing a different minimum wage; to raise the salary threshold above which certain employees are exempt from the overtime law; and to create a uniform standard to determine whether an individual performing services for an employer is an employee of that employer.
- SB39** **COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION** (SCHIAVONI J) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools.
- SB40** **DEATH PENALTY SENTENCING** (EKLUND J, WILLIAMS S) To provide that a person convicted of aggravated murder who shows that the person had a serious mental illness at the time of committing the offense cannot be sentenced to death for the offense and to provide a mechanism for resentencing to a life sentence a person previously sentenced to death who proves that the person had a serious mental illness at the time of committing the offense.
- SB41** **QUALIFIED ADVOCATE PRIVILEGES** (EKLUND J) To provide generally a testimonial privilege for communications between a qualified advocate rendering advocacy services and a victim of sexual violence, menacing by stalking, or domestic violence, to exempt the nondisclosure of that privileged communication from the offense of failure to report a crime, to require a qualified advocate to report knowledge or reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect of the victim except for privileged communications, and to specify circumstances in which the victim is considered to have waived the privilege.
- SB42** **DRUG OFFENSE PENALTIES** (EKLUND J) To expressly provide that drug offense penalties that refer to a particular type of drug also apply to a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance containing a detectable amount of that drug and to declare an emergency.
- SB43** **TOWNSHIP BUILDING CODES** (BACON K) To enable limited home rule townships to adopt building codes regardless of any similar codes adopted by the county in which the township resides.
- SB44** **CAMPAIGN ELECTRONIC FILING** (LAROSE F) To allow certain campaign committees and other entities to file campaign finance statements electronically and to require the Secretary of State to make the information in those electronic statements available online.

## Tracked Bills

- HB1      PROTECTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS** (SYKES E, MANNING N) To authorize the issuance of dating violence protection orders with respect to conduct directed at a petitioner alleging dating violence, to provide access to domestic violence shelters for victims of dating violence, and to require the Attorney General's victim's bill of rights pamphlet to include a notice that a petitioner alleging dating violence has the right to petition for a civil protection order.
- Current Status:* 2/15/2017 - House Civil Justice, (First Hearing)
- HB20     COMPENSATORY DAMAGES CAP REMOVAL** (GONZALES A, BOGGS K) To remove the cap on the amount of compensatory damages that represents damages for noneconomic loss that is recoverable in a tort action when the tort action is brought by a victim of rape, felonious assault, aggravated assault, assault, or negligent assault.
- Current Status:* 2/8/2017 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight
- HB30     PERMANENTLY DISABLING CRIME SPECIFICATION** (KOEHLER K) To require an additional prison term of 3 to 8 years for an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony offense of violence if the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification that the victim suffered permanent disabling harm and that the victim was under 6 years of age at the time of the offense.
- Current Status:* 2/14/2017 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)
- HB49     OPERATING BUDGET** (SMITH R) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget.
- Current Status:* 2/16/2017 - House Finance Agriculture, Development and Natural Resources Subcommittee, (Second Hearing)
- SB7      PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATIONS** (BACON K, MANNING G) To provide that service of a protection order or consent agreement upon a person is not necessary for the person to be convicted of the offense of violating a protection order if the person had actual notice of the order or agreement and the person recklessly violated its terms.

**Current Status:** 2/14/2017 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)

**SB20 PERMANENTLY DISABLING CRIME SPECIFICATION (HACKETT R)** To require an additional prison term of 3 to 8 years for an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony offense of violence if the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification that the victim suffered permanent disabling harm.

**Current Status:** 2/14/2017 - Senate Judiciary, (Second Hearing)

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**From:** Price, Ciara  
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**To:** 'Rosa Beltre'  
**CC:** 'Maggie McGuire'  
**Subject:** RE: Weekly Newsletter

Hello Maggie,

My understanding of advocacy day booking of rooms in the Riffe Center requires that the member who reserved the room be present for the duration of the event (luncheon, panel, etc). What date were you looking to have the advocacy day? Depending on Rep. LaTourette's availability, I may not be able to commit for her.

Best,

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**Subject:** RE: Weekly Newsletter

Thank you.

Ciara, I also wanted to introduce you to Maggie, she is our Resource Specialist.

We are currently working on setting up our Annual Advocacy Day, which we have done for the past 3 years.  
Hosting it at the State House or Riffe Center has always been ideal, but we are having problems getting a room as they request a State member to book it.

Wanted to ask you if you can assist us with this endeavor?  
Maggie would be happy to provide you with additional information.

Thank you,

*Rosa Beltre*

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**Subject:** RE: Weekly Newsletter

Hi Rosa,

I'll share this with Rep. LaTourette!

Best,

*Ciara Price*

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**Cc:** Camille Crary <[ccrary@oaesv.org](mailto:ccrary@oaesv.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: Weekly Newsletter

Good afternoon.

First of all Thank you for your commitment to survivors of sexual assault in the state of Ohio! I know how busy your schedules are. It meant a lot to OAESV and the advocates that you were our guest panelist at our Policy Forum this year. Your continuous support and commitment speaks volumes.

I wanted to also notify you the Eklund has reintroduced the advocacy privilege legislation SB41.

**SB41      QUALIFIED ADVOCATE PRIVILEGES (EKLUND J)** To provide generally a testimonial privilege for communications between a qualified advocate rendering advocacy services and a victim of sexual violence, menacing by stalking, or domestic violence, to exempt the nondisclosure of that privileged communication from the offense of failure to report a crime, to require a qualified advocate to report knowledge or reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect of the victim except for privileged communications, and to specify circumstances in which the victim is considered to have waived the privilege.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

*Rosa Beltre*

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Eklund introduced the advocacy privilege legislation. SB 41!

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**Bills Introduced Since 1/30/2017**

- HB1**      **PROTECTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS** (SYKES E, MANNING N) To authorize the issuance of dating violence protection orders with respect to conduct directed at a petitioner alleging dating violence, to provide access to domestic violence shelters for victims of dating violence, and to require the Attorney General's victim's bill of rights pamphlet to include a notice that a petitioner alleging dating violence has the right to petition for a civil protection order.
- HB2**      **CIVIL RIGHTS EMPLOYMENT LAW** (SEITZ B) To modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment.
- HB3**      **DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION** (DUFFEY M, HAGAN C) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at

[data.Ohio.gov](http://data.Ohio.gov), to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations.

- HB4 COCAINE AMOUNTS DETERMINATION** (CUPP B, ROGERS J) To provide that in determining the amount of cocaine for trafficking and possession offenses, it also includes a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance containing cocaine, and to declare an emergency.
- HB5 MICROBUSINESS STATUTORY DEFINITION** (PELANDA D, GAVARONE T) To create a statutory definition of "microbusiness."
- HB6 RECORDS PUBLICATION FEES** (BARNES, JR. J) To prohibit a person who publishes or disseminates criminal record information from soliciting or accepting a fee to remove, correct, modify, or refrain from publishing or otherwise disseminating the information and to provide criminal and civil remedies for a violation of the prohibition.
- HB7 MEDICAL CARE PROTECTIONS** (CUPP B) To grant qualified civil immunity to certain medical providers who provide emergency medical services as a result of a disaster; to provide that certain communications made regarding an unanticipated outcome of medical care, the development or implementation of standards under federal laws, and an insurer's reimbursement policies on health care are inadmissible as evidence in a medical claim; to provide that medical bills itemizing charges are inadmissible as evidence and an amount accepted as full payment for medical services is admissible as evidence of the reasonableness of the charges; to specify the manner of sending a notice of intent to file a medical claim and provide a procedure for the discovery of other potential claims within a specified period after the filing of a medical claim; to provide that any loss of a chance of recovery or survival by itself is not an injury, death, or loss for which damages may be recovered; to provide civil immunity to certain medical providers regarding the discharge of a patient with a mental condition that threatens the safety of the patient or others; to require that governmental agencies that receive peer review committee records maintain their confidentiality; and to clarify the definition of "medical claim."
- HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS** (HAMBLEY S, REZABEK J) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident.
- HB9 MALFUNCTIONING LIGHTS-BICYCLES** (KOEHLER K) To specify that the alternative protocol for proceeding into an intersection with malfunctioning traffic lights due to a failure of a vehicle detector applies only to bicycles.
- HB10 INTRASTATE EQUITY CROWDFUNDING** (ARNDT S) To permit intrastate equity crowdfunding under certain circumstances.

- HB11 INCORPORATING FEDERAL REVENUE CHANGES** (SCHERER G) To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since February 14, 2016, into Ohio law.
- HB12 HISTORICAL DESIGNATION-BARN** (GONZALES A) To designate the barn as the official historical architectural structure of the state.
- HB13 JURY SERVICE-EXCUSES** (GONZALES A) To permit a prospective juror who is a mother who is breast-feeding her baby to be excused from jury service.
- HB14 AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION** (CLYDE K) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system.
- HB15 REVENUE FOR MINE FUNDS** (CERA J) To credit a portion of the revenue derived from the kilowatt-hour tax to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, the Acid Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment Fund, and the Mine Safety Fund and to make other changes to the use of money in those funds.
- HB16 HIGHWAY DESIGNATIONS-CARL BERNHART** (CERA J) To designate a portion of State Route 43 in Jefferson County as the "Army Corporal Carl H. Bernhart Memorial Highway."
- HB17 INSTANT BINGO LICENSURE** (CERA J) To reduce the licensing fee for charitable organizations conducting instant bingo on five or fewer days per year, and to allow those organizations to change the location and date of the instant bingo sessions after a license has been issued.
- HB18 SPECIAL ELECTION REQUIREMENTS** (PELANDA D, RETHERFORD W) To eliminate the requirement of holding a special election to fill a vacancy in a party nomination for the office of representative to Congress under certain circumstances.
- HB19 ARSON OFFENSE DEFINITION** (BLESSING III L, LANDIS A) To include recklessly causing, by means of fire or explosion, physical harm to the offender's or another person's motor vehicle, house, building, or other structure, or to any other property of another person, while manufacturing or attempting to manufacture a controlled substance, as a violation of the offense of arson.
- HB20 COMPENSATORY DAMAGES CAP REMOVAL** (GONZALES A, BOGGS K) To remove the cap on the amount of compensatory damages that represents damages for noneconomic loss that is recoverable in a tort action when the tort action is brought by a victim of rape, felonious assault, aggravated assault, assault, or negligent assault.
- HB21 COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION** (HAMBLEY S) Regarding verification of community school enrollments.

- HB22 HIGHWAY DESIGNATIONS-JAMES ALLEN** (HAMBLEY S) To designate a portion of State Route 261 in Medina and Summit Counties as the "Sergeant James F. Allen III Memorial Highway."
- HB23 ALCOHOLIC ICE CREAM SALE** (PATTERSON J, BOGGS K) To allow A-4 liquor permit holders to manufacture and sell ice cream containing between one-half of one per cent and six per cent of alcohol by volume.
- HB24 VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS-TAX EXEMPTION** (GINTER T) To modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property to include property of certain veterans organizations exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and to exclude property that is not used primarily for meetings, administration, and the provision of programs and services to past and present members of the United States armed forces.
- HB25 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION-POPULAR VOTE** (RAMOS D, LELAND D) To adopt the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.
- HB26 TRANSPORTATION-PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET** (MCCOLLEY R) To make appropriations for programs related to transportation and public safety for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs.
- HB27 WORKERS' COMPENSATION BUDGET** (BRINKMAN T) To make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, to make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs.
- HB28 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION BUDGET** (BRINKMAN T) To make appropriations for the Industrial Commission for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of Commission programs.
- HB29 MUNICIPAL WATER RESERVOIR BUFFERS** (LELAND D, BOGGS K) To eliminate law authorizing the maintenance of buffers around municipal water reservoirs by contiguous property owners.
- HB30 PERMANENTLY DISABLING CRIME SPECIFICATION** (KOEHLER K) To require an additional prison term of 3 to 8 years for an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony offense of violence if the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification that the victim suffered permanent disabling harm and that the victim was under 6 years of age at the time of the offense.
- HB31 CONTRACTING ADVISORY COUNCIL-ABOLITION** (CUPP B) To abolish the Government Contracting Advisory Council.

- HB32 CASINO GAMBLING EMPLOYEES** (SEITZ B) To specify that the criminal penalty related to casino operators and employees participating in casino gaming applies at their casino facility or an affiliated casino facility.
- HB33 SAFE FIREARMS STORAGE** (PATMON B) To prohibit any person from storing or leaving a firearm in the person's residence unless the firearm is secured in safe storage or rendered inoperable if the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor is able to gain access to the firearm and to provide criminal penalties if a minor gains unauthorized access to a firearm not so stored or rendered inoperable.
- HB34 OFFICIAL NOTICE DELIVERY** (HAMBLEY S, RYAN S) To authorize certain state agencies, local governments, and other boards, commissions, and officers to deliver certain notices by ordinary mail and electronically instead of by certified mail.
- HB35 BANKING LAW** (HUGHES J) To enact a new banking law for the State of Ohio.
- HB36 MINISTERS-MARRIAGE** (VITALE N) To provide that an ordained or licensed minister or religious society is not required to solemnize a marriage and a religious society is not required to allow any building or property of the religious society to be used to host a marriage ceremony if the marriage does not conform to the ordained or licensed minister's or religious society's sincerely held religious beliefs, to provide that an ordained or licensed minister or religious society is not subject to civil or criminal liability for such a denial, and to provide that the state and political subdivisions may not penalize or withhold benefits to an ordained or licensed minister or religious society for such a denial.
- HB37 SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES** (ARNDT S) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security.
- HB38 CRIMINAL OFFENSES-VIOLENCE** (GREENSPAN D) To provide that purposely causing the death of a first responder or military member is aggravated murder and to require an offender to serve the prison term imposed for felonious assault on a peace officer, investigator, first responder, or military member consecutively to the prison term imposed for any related offense.
- HB39 SNOW REMOVAL** (ARNDT S, GAVARONE T) To authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.
- HB40 GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE** (DEVER J, GREENSPAN D) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database.

- HB41** **VOTING PROCESS** (PELANDA D) To modify the law concerning challenges to voter registrations, the appointment of observers, and the procedures for processing absent voter's ballots and for casting absent voter's ballots in person.
- HB42** **VEHICLE TIRE SAFETY** (SPRAGUE R, DEVITIS A) To prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.
- HB43** **HIGHWAY DESIGNATION-BURT MILLER** (DEVITIS A) To designate the portion of State Route 93 in New Franklin as the "PFC Burt "Rusty" Miller Memorial Highway."
- HB44** **DAY DESIGNATION-FIRST RESPONDERS** (PATMON B) To designate May 24 as First Responders' Appreciation Day.
- HB45** **MONTH DESIGNATION-NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS** (SPRAGUE R) To designate May as "Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month."
- HB46** **GOVERNMENT FUNDS** (SPRAGUE R) To modify the qualifications regarding notes eligible for investment of county inactive moneys and money in the public library fund.
- HB47** **STUDENTS IN MILITARY** (BOCCIERI J) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges.
- HB48** **WAR RELIC PROTECTION** (SCHAFFER T) To prohibit a war relic that is located on public property or on the property of a cemetery association from being sold or otherwise disposed of, or destroyed, relocated, removed, altered, or otherwise disturbed, except under certain circumstances.
- HB49** **OPERATING BUDGET** (SMITH R) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget.
- HB50** **SNAP REQUIREMENTS** (SCHAFFER T) To establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.
- SB1** **DRUG LAWS** (LAROSE F) To increase penalties for drug trafficking violations, drug possession violations, and aggravated funding of drug trafficking when the drug involved in the offense is a fentanyl-related compound, to revise the manner of determining sentence for certain violations of the offense of permitting drug abuse, and to add lisdexamfetamine to the list of schedule II controlled substances.
- SB2** **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS LAWS** (HITE C) To revise specified laws relating to environmental protection.

- SB3** **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** (BEAGLE B, BALDERSON T) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week.
- SB4** **RECORDS EXPUNGEMENT** (KUNZE S, OELSLAGER S) To allow a person who is found not guilty of an offense or who is the defendant named in a dismissed criminal charge to apply for a court order to expunge the person's official records in the case if the charge or not guilty finding was the result of the applicant having been a human trafficking victim, to allow a person convicted of certain prostitution-related offenses to apply for the expungement of the conviction record of any offense, other than a specified disqualifying offense, the person's participation in which was a result of having been a human trafficking victim, and to allow intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution.
- SB5** **INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS** (HOTTINGER J, EKLUND J) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency.
- SB6** **OHIO BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM** (HOAGLAND F) To extend the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program through the end of fiscal year 2019 and to require the Director of Transportation to submit a report to the Governor, Senate, and House of Representatives recommending ways to continue to fund the program.
- SB7** **PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATIONS** (BACON K, MANNING G) To provide that service of a protection order or consent agreement upon a person is not necessary for the person to be convicted of the offense of violating a protection order if the person had actual notice of the order or agreement and the person recklessly violated its terms.
- SB8** **SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY** (GARDNER R, TERHAR L) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security.
- SB9** **AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY** (BACON K) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes.
- SB10** **PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS** (LAROSE F) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election.

- SB11 CESAR CHAVEZ DAY DESIGNATION** (TAVARES C) To designate March 31 as "Cesar E. Chavez Day" in Ohio.
- SB12 DEATH PENALTY IMPOSITION** (TAVARES C) To provide that a defendant cannot be executed if the defendant's race was the basis of the decision to seek or impose the death penalty; to permit a defendant to file a motion alleging that the defendant's race was the basis of the decision to seek or impose the death penalty, and to specify the procedure for determining if the defendant's race was the basis of that decision.
- SB13 RECORDING LAW ENFORCEMENT** (TAVARES C) To grant a person the right to lawfully record any incident involving a law enforcement officer and to impose civil liability upon the state or a local law enforcement agency if a law enforcement officer employed by the state or local law enforcement agency interferes with the recording of the incident, destroys the recording, seizes the recording without a warrant or subpoena or the person's consent, or retaliates against the person who recorded the incident.
- SB14 MINIMUM WAGES AND OVERTIME** (TAVARES C) To require that domestic workers be paid the higher of the minimum wage provided in Section 34a of Article II, Ohio Constitution, or the minimum wage provided in the Fair Labor Standards Act, to require that domestic workers be paid overtime wages, to make certain conduct directed toward a domestic worker an unlawful discriminatory practice, and to require a weekly day of rest for domestic workers.
- SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS** (TAVARES C) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises.
- SB16 HEALTH CARE CULTURE COMPETENCY** (TAVARES C) To require certain health care professionals to complete instruction in cultural competency.
- SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION** (TAVARES C) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month.
- SB18 JESSE OWENS DAY DESIGNATION** (THOMAS C) To designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."
- SB19 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY RESTRICTIONS** (THOMAS C) To prohibit prosecuting attorneys of counties with a population of 400,001 or more from engaging in the private practice of law.
- SB20 PERMANENTLY DISABLING CRIME SPECIFICATION** (HACKETT R) To require an additional prison term of 3 to 8 years for an offender who is

convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony offense of violence if the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification that the victim suffered permanent disabling harm.

- SB21** **ELECTRONIC POLLBOOK USAGE** (UECKER J) To reduce the minimum number of precinct election officials in a precinct in which electronic pollbooks are used and to eliminate the requirement that a board of elections send a notice to a person's residence address when the board cancels the person's voter registration because it received a report of the person's death.
- SB22** **INCORPORATING FEDERAL REVENUE CHANGES** (PETERSON B) To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since February 14, 2016, into Ohio law.
- SB23** **OMPHALOCELE AWARENESS DAY DESIGNATION** (TERHAR L) To designate January 31 as "Omphalocele Awareness Day."
- SB24** **CONSUMER INSTALLMENT LOANS** (TERHAR L) To create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act.
- SB25** **PERRY COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT** (HOTTINGER J) To create the Perry County Municipal Court in New Lexington on January 1, 2018, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Perry County County Court on that date, to designate the Perry County Clerk of Courts as the clerk of the Perry County Municipal Court, and to provide for the election for the Perry County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2017.
- SB26** **THOMAS COTTRELL HIGHWAY DESIGNATION** (HOTTINGER J, JORDAN K) To designate a portion of State Route 205 and United States Route 62 in Knox County as the "Officer Thomas W. Cottrell Jr. Memorial Highway."
- SB27** **DEAF HISTORY MONTH DESIGNATION** (BEAGLE B) To designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."
- SB28** **DISPOSITION OF FETAL REMAINS** (UECKER J) Regarding final disposition of fetal remains from surgical abortions.
- SB29** **BANKING LAW** (COLEY W, OELSLAGER S) To enact a new banking law for the State of Ohio.
- SB30** **VEHICLE RESOLUTIONS BY COUNTIES** (EKLUND J) To authorize counties to adopt resolutions regulating motor vehicle traffic on county and township roads.
- SB31** **HEALTH RULE WITHDRAW PROCESS** (EKLUND J) To authorize a board of county commissioners or municipal legislative authority to elect to withdraw the county or municipal corporation from the application of any rule adopted by the Department of Health after January 1, 2014, that governs the design of household sewage treatment systems.

- SB32 CRIMINAL TRIAL PROCESS** (EKLUND J) To provide a prosecutor an additional fourteen days to commence a trial after a person charged with a felony has been discharged because the person has not been brought to trial within the required amount of time and to authorize the court to release the person from detention in connection with those charges pending trial.
- SB33 LEADS DISCLOSURE** (EKLUND J) To allow disclosure of information from the law enforcement automated data system (LEADS) to a defendant in a traffic or criminal case.
- SB34 SCHOOL YEARS** (MANNING G) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day.
- SB35 TAX CREDIT RESTRICTION REMOVAL** (SKINDELL M) To remove the income restriction on the earned income tax credit and to make the credit refundable beginning in 2017.
- SB36 AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION** (HITE C) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type.
- SB37 POLICE CHIEFS TRAINING** (HITE C) To require the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to develop and conduct a chief of police training course for newly appointed village, city, and township chiefs of police.
- SB38 RAISE MINIMUM WAGE** (YUKO K) To raise the minimum wage; to eliminate the prohibition against political subdivisions establishing a different minimum wage; to raise the salary threshold above which certain employees are exempt from the overtime law; and to create a uniform standard to determine whether an individual performing services for an employer is an employee of that employer.
- SB39 COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION** (SCHIAVONI J) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools.
- SB40 DEATH PENALTY SENTENCING** (EKLUND J, WILLIAMS S) To provide that a person convicted of aggravated murder who shows that the person had a serious mental illness at the time of committing the offense cannot be sentenced to death for the offense and to provide a mechanism for resentencing to a life sentence a person previously sentenced to death who proves that the person had a serious mental illness at the time of committing the offense.

- SB41**    **QUALIFIED ADVOCATE PRIVILEGES** (EKLUND J) To provide generally a testimonial privilege for communications between a qualified advocate rendering advocacy services and a victim of sexual violence, menacing by stalking, or domestic violence, to exempt the nondisclosure of that privileged communication from the offense of failure to report a crime, to require a qualified advocate to report knowledge or reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect of the victim except for privileged communications, and to specify circumstances in which the victim is considered to have waived the privilege.
- SB42**    **DRUG OFFENSE PENALTIES** (EKLUND J) To expressly provide that drug offense penalties that refer to a particular type of drug also apply to a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance containing a detectable amount of that drug and to declare an emergency.
- SB43**    **TOWNSHIP BUILDING CODES** (BACON K) To enable limited home rule townships to adopt building codes regardless of any similar codes adopted by the county in which the township resides.
- SB44**    **CAMPAIGN ELECTRONIC FILING** (LAROSE F) To allow certain campaign committees and other entities to file campaign finance statements electronically and to require the Secretary of State to make the information in those electronic statements available online.

### Tracked Bills

- HB1**    **PROTECTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS** (SYKES E, MANNING N) To authorize the issuance of dating violence protection orders with respect to conduct directed at a petitioner alleging dating violence, to provide access to domestic violence shelters for victims of dating violence, and to require the Attorney General's victim's bill of rights pamphlet to include a notice that a petitioner alleging dating violence has the right to petition for a civil protection order.

*Current Status:* 2/15/2017 - House Civil Justice, (First Hearing)

- HB20**    **COMPENSATORY DAMAGES CAP REMOVAL** (GONZALES A, BOGGS K) To remove the cap on the amount of compensatory damages that represents damages for noneconomic loss that is recoverable in a tort action when the tort

action is brought by a victim of rape, felonious assault, aggravated assault, assault, or negligent assault.

**Current Status:** 2/8/2017 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight

**HB30 PERMANENTLY DISABLING CRIME SPECIFICATION** (KOEHLER K) To require an additional prison term of 3 to 8 years for an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony offense of violence if the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification that the victim suffered permanent disabling harm and that the victim was under 6 years of age at the time of the offense.

**Current Status:** 2/14/2017 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)

**HB49 OPERATING BUDGET** (SMITH R) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget.

**Current Status:** 2/16/2017 - House Finance Agriculture, Development and Natural Resources Subcommittee, (Second Hearing)

**SB7 PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATIONS** (BACON K, MANNING G) To provide that service of a protection order or consent agreement upon a person is not necessary for the person to be convicted of the offense of violating a protection order if the person had actual notice of the order or agreement and the person recklessly violated its terms.

**Current Status:** 2/14/2017 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)

**SB20 PERMANENTLY DISABLING CRIME SPECIFICATION** (HACKETT R) To require an additional prison term of 3 to 8 years for an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony offense of violence if the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification that the victim suffered permanent disabling harm.

**Current Status:** 2/14/2017 - Senate Judiciary, (Second Hearing)

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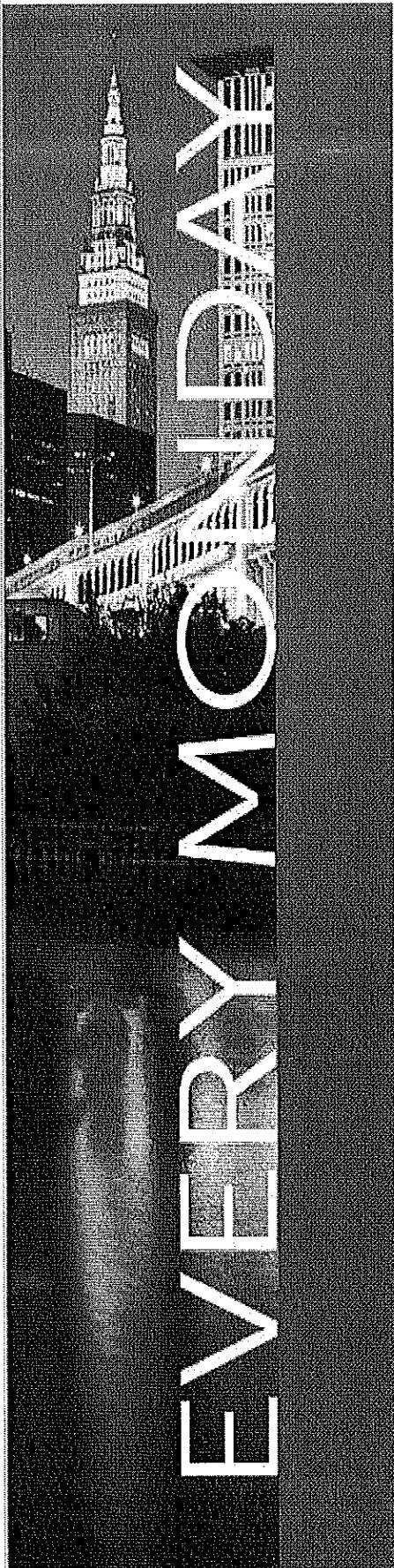
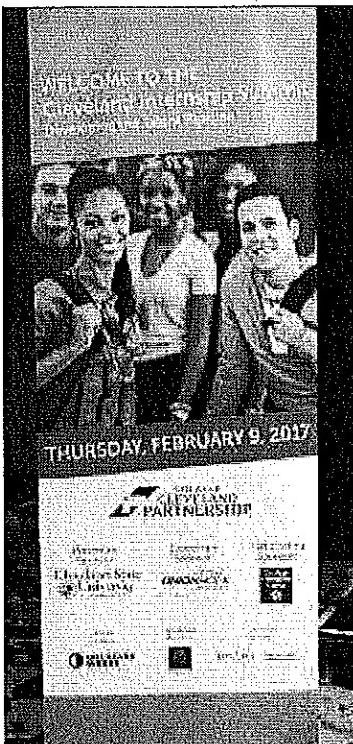
**Addressing the challenges of recruitment and talent development**

Workforce continues to be an area of challenge for Northeast Ohio employers.

Businesses are seeking skilled workers who are reliable, have on-the-job experience and are committed to growing with the company.

At the same time, college students in the region are learning that in today's competitive market, real-world experience is crucial to landing a job and advancing their careers.

The second annual Cleveland Internship Summit, presented by the Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP) last week at the Embassy Suites in Independence, helped further the conversation around these workforce challenges and provided best practices in recruitment and talent development.



We thank our sponsors and presenters for their support and involvement in making the event a tremendous success.

#### Next steps

This will include working with employers and educational institutions represented at the summit to add additional resources to GCP Internship Central.

If you are an employer looking for assistance in growing, managing or starting an internship program or need assistance connecting with interns, please contact Angela Finding at [afinding@gcpartnership.com](mailto:afinding@gcpartnership.com).

For those who would like to reference information shared at the Summit, we will be adding the expert presentations and podcasts to our website in the coming weeks.

See stories below for summit highlights.

**CMSD, teachers union reach tentative contract agreement**

The Cleveland Teachers Union (CTU) and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) have reached a Tentative Agreement for a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

An earlier agreement, reached on August 30, 2016, was rejected by union members in September, requiring a return to the bargaining table this year to resume bargaining for a contract both sides could accept.

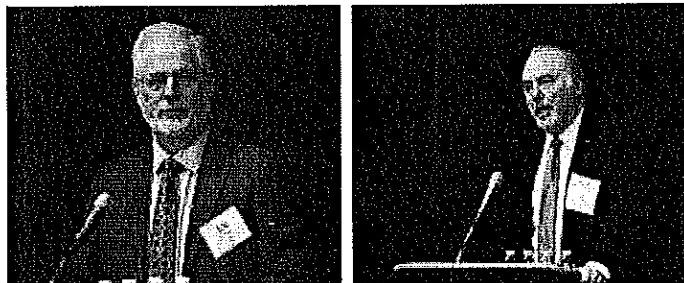
The GCP had urged action that would support the efforts of The Cleveland Plan to transform the delivery and expectations of education in Cleveland's public schools.

"This tentative agreement comes at a critical time when The Cleveland Plan is beginning to reverse decades of decline and deliver measurable improvement," said GCP President and CEO Joe Roman.

Once details are available, we will share an assessment of how the agreement furthers the tenants of The Cleveland Plan as supported by the GCP.

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#### Cleveland Internship Summit highlights



GCP President and CEO Joe Roman (photo left) and Dr. Ronald Berkman (photo right), president of Cleveland State University, the Summit? 9s presenting sponsor, welcomed more than 200 attendees from the business and education communities. The program featured:

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#### Events

#### 02.17.17 "Managing Intercultural Conflict in the Workplace"

Damaris Patterson Price, a leadership consultant, executive coach and facilitator, will be the presenter.



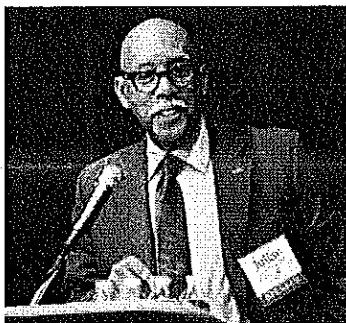
Program objectives include providing the business case for workplace civility as a business driver and why HR managers need to be capable of addressing intercultural conflict.

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Julian Earls, Ph.D., former director of the NASA Glenn Research Center and executive-in-residence, Cleveland State University, emphasized the importance of home-grown internships to encourage students from the region to build their careers here.

He also encouraged students to use their internship experiences as an opportunity to expand their education, which is "more than classroom and laboratories."

#### "Learn from the Pros"



The morning plenary session featured a panel with local employers who discussed how they have engaged interns and other best practices for running a successful program. Our panelists (left to right in photo):

- Laura Mizer, Director of Marketing, Good Karma Brands
- Stephen Love, Program Officer, Cleveland Foundation
- Sygi Berman, Human Capital Acquisition Manager, The Sherwin-Williams Company, moderator
- Terrance Richardson, Program Manager, Louis Stokes Internship Program, Cleveland Clinic

#### "From Intern to Anchor"

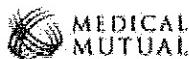


#### 05.11.17 Greater Cleveland Middle-Market Forum

Our annual forum will offer insightful and informative presentations on hot topics that are impacting Northeast Ohio middle-market companies.

We'll also provide plenty of opportunities to network with more than 200 Northeast Ohio middle-market executives and decision makers.

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#### 06.07.17 GCP Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendar and plan to join more than 1,100 business and community leaders on Wednesday, June 7 from 4:30



The lunch plenary session was a conversation with Sara Shookman, co-anchor, WKYC Channel 3, led by GCP President Joe Roman.

Sara shared her intern experiences and how they helped launch her career in broadcast journalism.

#### Breakout sessions for employers

#### "The School/Business Partnership: Explaining the Value of All Experiential Learning Opportunities"



Our panelists (left to right in photo) discussed how educators and businesses are teaming up to create partnerships that provide students with real-world work experiences.

- Katrina Myers, Director, Academies of Cleveland, Cleveland Metropolitan School District, moderator
- Stacy Johnson, Manager, External Education, The MetroHealth System
- Michael Sheppard, Superintendent, Berea Schools
- Jessica Colombi, Executive Director, Career Services, Cleveland State University

to 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown.

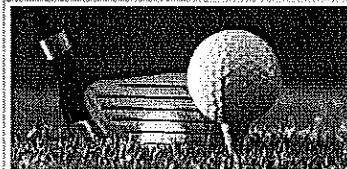
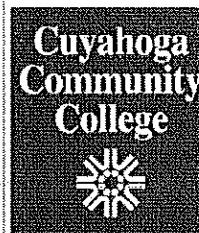
The program will feature an update on our priorities, a preview of the projects and initiatives that we will embark upon as a part of our new strategic plan, and more.

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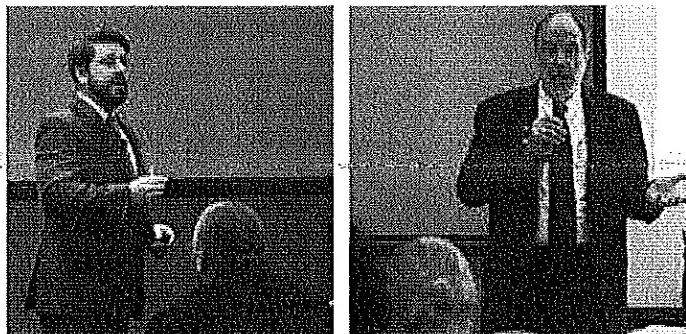


#### 07.24.17 GCP Member Golf Outing

We're planning a full day from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. that will include lunch, lots of golf and dinner at Kirtland Country Club in Willoughby.

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#### "The Legal Aspects of Internships: Legal Issues Employers Should Know" and "Diversity & Inclusion in Internships"

James McWeeney, attorney, Walter Haverfield LLP (photo left), provided answers to legal questions about internship programs that employers need to know.

Gary Szelagowski, assistant vice president, talent management, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (photo right), discussed how to ensure that your internship program is diverse and how to use your internship program as a tool for sourcing diverse talent.



#### "Career Readiness: Are Today's Students Ready for the Workforce?"

Attendees at this session heard from representatives of local employers who provided their perspectives on talent development, training, and correcting behaviors in their internship programs.

The panelists are (left to right):

- Amy McMullen, University Relations Lead, The Lincoln Electric Company
- Peter Anagnostos, VP, Marketing, Communications and Community Outreach, MCPc
- Ashley Rivera, Campus Recruiting Manager, Union Home Mortgage

#### 03.01.17 Intellectual Property Webinar

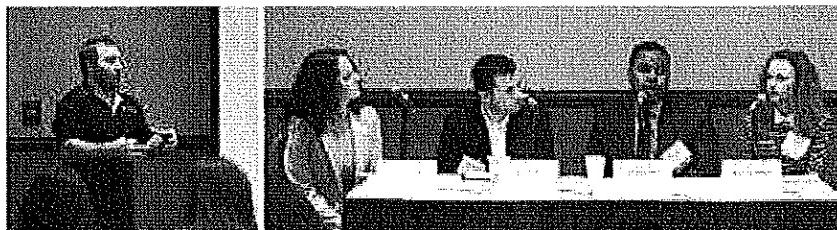
This one-hour webinar, presented by NEOTEC/Northeast Ohio Trade & Economic Consortium, will feature expert patent attorneys who will discuss how to protect your patents and trade secrets, proper use and registration of trademarks, and new developments in trade secrets.

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- Sandra McKnight, Executive Director, Access, Learning & Success, Cuyahoga Community College, moderator

#### Breakout sessions for students

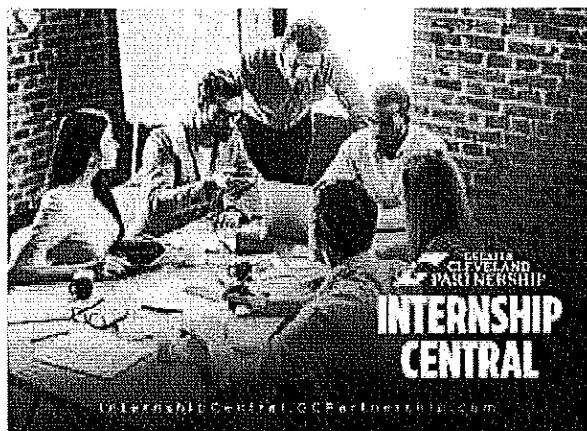


"Your Personal Brand" and "The Intern Experience from the Intern's Perspective"

Andy Halco, CEO of Insivia (photo left), provided tips on building a positive personal brand and how to use it to get an employer's attention.

"The Intern Experience" panelists shared tips and experience to help fellow students make the most out of their internship. The panelists are (left to right):

- Angela Finding, Director, Education and Workforce Development, Greater Cleveland Partnership, moderator
- Samuel Braun, Development Associate, Neighborhood Family Practice
- Khalid Ali, Program Coordinator, Neighborhood Leadership Institute
- Allie Dumski, Ohio House of Representatives



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